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Palestinians to open six election offices outside Gaza, Jericho

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinians may immediately open six offices outside Gaza and Jericho to deal with election issues, Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, the government coordinator in the territories, said at the end of the first round of election talks in Cairo yesterday.

The Israeli and Palestinian delegations agreed that the offices will open in Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron, he told *The Jerusalem Post*. The Palestinians plan to conduct elections through voting districts with each of these towns as the core of its own district.

Rothschild, Israel's chief negotiator at the talks, said that "the offices may not register voters, but can deal with other election issues."

The major clash to emerge at the talks was the Palestinian demand for the "democratic right" of all Palestinian factions to participate in the election, as opposed to Israel's demand that conditions be applied to the participation of opposition factions.

Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, likened that stance to the PLO complaining about the participation of the Likud, which opposes the Declaration of Principles, in Israel's elections.

Rothschild denied that Israel objected to Palestinian opposition parties, and said the Likud would pass the three conditions which he applied to Palestinian parties.

"We respect the right of opposition parties to compete in elections. We never said they could not."

The first two conditions state that they not advocate the destruction of Israel and not advocate racism. The third condition states that anyone who says "a prior condition for working in the council is the cancellation of the DOP" cannot participate in elections, he said.

Rothschild said that was not the same thing as running on a platform opposing the DOP. "If that were the case, then the Likud could not be an opposition party."

In Cairo, AP quoted Erekat as saying all these conditions were unacceptable. "We cannot and we will not tolerate undemocratic means," he said.

Earlier, Erekat said he asked Egyptian leaders to intervene to convince Israel to allow Jerusalem residents to participate in the elections as candidates as well as voters, Reuters reported from Cairo.

Israel has said it will not permit Jerusalem residents to be candidates.

The talks resume Monday, while election officials will be permitted to look over the population registry under civil administration control, as a prelude to establishing voter lists by districts.

Kahalani brothers charged with attempted murder

HERB KEINON

EITAN and Yehoyada Kahalani, suspected members of a new Jewish terrorist underground, were charged with attempted murder yesterday in a dramatic hearing in Jerusalem District Court.

During the hearing, defense counsel David Mena alleged that another suspect arrested in the case was a General Security Service informant and had set up the Kahalanis.

In addition to attempted murder, the Kahalani brothers were charged with conspiracy to murder and illegal possession of weapons.

Their remands were extended until Tuesday, when another remand hearing is scheduled to determine whether they should be held in custody until the end of their trial.

The Jerusalem District Attorney's Office intends to indict Rabbi Ido Elba of Kiryat Arba today on conspiracy charges. He is suspected of involvement with the Kahalani brothers.

Mena, arguing that the two should be released, said that Yves Tibi, one of the 13 suspects arrested in connection with the alleged underground, was a GSS plant. "Was Yves Tibi the plant? I assume that he was," Mena said.

Tibi was among the eight suspects who have been released.

According to the charge sheet, the two brothers conspired at the end of August to murder Arabs, and obtained two rifles stolen from the Kiryat Arba armory. On September 2, the Kahalanis allegedly drove a pickup truck to the area of the Jerusalem Mall. In addition to the rifles, they also allegedly had four full magazines in the truck.

They allegedly waited near a dirt road leading to the village of Kafr Batir. When a 22-year-old Arab came riding by on his bicycle, the brothers each loaded his rifle. When the man came by the parked car, Eitan Kahalani allegedly stopped him, and after speaking to him in Arabic to make sure he was a Palestinian, pointed his gun at the man's head, about a meter away, and pulled the trigger.

"However, as a result of the removal of the firing pin by the GSS without the prior knowledge of the accused, no shot was fired," the charge sheet read.

Kahalani then allegedly put a different magazine in the gun. In the meantime, the Arab abandoned his bike and fled.

Outside the courtroom, Mena told reporters that Tibi was the person who planted the guns without firing pins.

Yehoyada Kahalani told reporters he is innocent, and also claimed that Tibi was a plant.

The hearing was the first time the Kahalani brothers saw each other since being arrested at the scene of the alleged crime, more than a month ago.

When they were ushered out of the court during a break, their father, Sa'adia, called to Eitan and said: "You are being accused because you missed." His son put his fingers to his mouth to quiet his father, as did other family members.

The allegations against Yves Tibi electrified Kiryat Arba, a community that in the last few months has been on edge over the possibility of GSS informants inside it.

The Kiryat Arba Action Committee and the local council last night issued a statement of support for Tibi, saying the episode is an attempt by the GSS to sow dissent among Kiryat Arba residents. The statement called upon residents not to cast aspersions on Tibi or anyone else in the settlement.



Yehoyada (left) and Eitan Kahalani in court yesterday. (Stein/Harari)

One source close to the Kahalanis said the reason Tibi is suspected is because he let the Kahalanis used his truck the day they were arrested, after their own car broke down.

"Until I see the facts, I don't believe any of it. Something here is not right," local council head Zvi Katzover said, adding that he did not rule out the possibility that this all could be a GSS plot to bring about the settlement's deterioration from within.

Katzover termed Tibi, an immigrant from France who has lived in Kiryat Arba for seven years, and who is well known in the community for the large Israeli flags he has on both sides of his car, a "great guy. It is hard for me to believe what I hear."

Tibi could not be reached for comment.

Another Kiryat Arba activist, who did not want to be identified, said that Mena and Kahalani erred in mentioning Tibi's name, and that this type of accusation "can only hurt the community. Even if the accusations are correct, nothing constructive can come from this."

David Ramati, a Kiryat Arba resident who said his children were harassed by some local residents who suspected him of having ties with the GSS, said: "I assume Tibi will now suffer. If he doesn't leave Kiryat Arba, he will be driven out."

Ramati said the charge sheet against the Kahalanis sounds like an example of police entrapment, and that the GSS "set itself up as God when planting guns" and allowing them to be pointed at an innocent passerby.

"What if these guns were cast aside, and a personal weapon pulled out to finish the job," Ramati said. "Then the GSS would be an accomplice to murder."

In a related development, Yehiel Hatzroni, a Kiryat Arba resident who was arrested early Monday morning, was released yesterday, after passing a polygraph test. Hatzroni was suspected of interfering with the police investigation.

Meanwhile, the IDF issued orders last night barring 18 people from the Machpela Cave and certain parts of Hebron, saying they were involved in provocations against Palestinians.

The order was issued by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran. The IDF spokesman said the orders were issued as part of the preparations for the reopening of the Machpela Cave later this month.

Among those whose movement was restricted are Aryeh Ben-Yosef, a Kiryat Arba resident and former Kach activist, who was shown praising Baruch Goldstein on Channel One's *Mabat*, shortly after the Hebron massacre.

Former Kach spokesman Noam Arnon, whose movement in Hebron has already been restricted, said that the orders will not be honored.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza issued a statement saying that "it is inconceivable that administrative measures will replace the judicial system, and that restrictions will be used that impinge upon human rights. If someone is suspected of a crime, he should be investigated and brought to justice."

All sides talk democracy, but really mean power

COMMENT

JON IMMANUEL

IN the first week of the Cairo talks, both sides tried to play the aggrieved democrats in their attempts to push for an electoral process to their liking. But these elections have little to do with democracy.

From the beginning, PLO leader Yasser Arafat has viewed elections as a way to hoist the Gaza-Jericho anchor and sail away from Israeli rule. Israel sees them as a way to ensure more Palestinian support for a peace agreement which most Palestinians believe benefits Israel more than it benefits them.

So a contradiction exists, and the role of the Palestinian opposition to the peace agreement is at the core of the disagreement, which emerged as soon as the talks began.

But there is room to bridge the contradiction. Israel is aware that it cannot have elections consisting only of parties that support the agreement.

The conditions it imposes on participating parties – to not call for Israel's destruction, to refrain from racist propaganda and to not commit themselves to canceling the agreement – would permit mild opposition. For instance, Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, who heads a considerable body of secular Palestinians opposed to the Declaration of Principles, though not to the point of totally rejecting it, might fit the bill.

Even the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, whose members have been rounded up by Palestinian police in recent days, is not in principle opposed to participating in elections.

But the real question is Hamas. It could drop the references equating Jews with pigs and monkeys in its charter, but it could hardly agree to uphold the DOP if it won any seats or if, as is remotely possible, it won a majority.

But here Arafat has stepped in with his own precautions. He would like to be seen as having achieved the conditions that would allow Hamas to run, without it actually running.

To avoid that possibility, Arafat, according to a Palestinian election law proposal, would not be up for personal election, a proposal which Israel would happily accept. Thus, even if Hamas were to win all the council seats, Arafat would still be chairman of the council, with the right to fire anybody who displeased him.

Under such conditions, Hamas, which is demanding "full democracy," would not compete anyway.

Group from Gulf books guided tour of Israel

A GROUP of Moslem tourists from Gulf Arab states has booked a guided tour of Israel with Arkia in what would be the first visit by Gulf nationals, an airline official said yesterday.

Arkia vice-president Dori Shoshan said the 200 tourists would visit in March. It would be the first organized tour from the Gulf, he said.

Shoshan declined to identify their various nationalities.

"It is a group of people from Gulf states," he said. "They asked not to talk about it."

He said the group was interested mainly in Moslem holy sites, but had also asked to visit some Christian ones.

"We have no doubt the more the peace process develops we will have more orders," Shoshan said. "I think they are waiting to see which way it goes. I think it will be a success." (Reuter)

Police delegation leaves today for Haiti peace-keeping duties

RAINE MARCUS

THE 30-member police delegation to Haiti is scheduled to leave this morning, and within days join the international peace-keeping forces there.

"I'm relieved that we are finally leaving, even with the unrest we have seen recently in Haiti," delegation head, Cmdr. (ret.) Gabi Amir said last night.

"The Americans have told us that what we have seen on TV is not reflective of what is really happening. They tell us that overall it is quiet," Amir said.

All members of the delegation except Amir are active police officers, including two female officers, and are slated to fly on a commercial carrier to Puerto Rico this morning for an initial briefing by the Americans.

Delegations from other nations will also be meeting in Puerto Rico, according to Amir. He said his group would continue to Haiti within three or four days.



Swiss rescue workers arrange body bags containing members of a cult who apparently committed suicide in a farm house in Cheiry. Inset: cult leader Luc Jouret. (Reuters)

48 die as Swiss cult members commit mass suicide

CHEIRY, Switzerland (AP) — Forty-eight members of a religious sect were found dead yesterday in a concealed underground chapel and other buildings after apparently committing mass suicide. Some victims were dressed in ceremonial robes, their hands clasped in prayer and plastic bags tied over their heads.

Police found the bodies in the burning ruins of a farm and three ski chalets in southern Switzerland. The victims apparently killed themselves before the fires were set shortly after midnight, they said.

Authorities said most of the victims appeared to be Swiss, French, and Canadian and were investigating links with a religious sect in Canada.

The deaths were apparently a mass suicide by a religious sect called the Cross and Rose, which an expert on cults described as an occult group "with strong apocalyptical elements."

Twenty-three adult bodies were found at a farm in the canton of Fribourg, northeast of Geneva, police said. One man was in the farmhouse with a bullet wound to the head, and 21 others were in an underground chapel lined with mirrors, where they had apparently suffocated themselves with plastic bags. Another body was found in a separate building.

Some of the victims in the chapel, which was reached by a door hidden behind paneling in a barn, were wearing red, white and black ceremonial robes, said Fribourg police spokesman Beat Carlen. Two women were wearing gold robes. One couple was in an embrace.

Carlen said some sort of altar was found in the chapel, but he did not have details.

The bodies of 25 more victims, including several children lying next to each other, were found in three chalets in a ski area at Granges-sur-Salvan in Valais canton, southeast of Geneva.

"We are still reeling from what we found," said investigating judge Andre Piller after visiting the farm. The building, perched on a wooded hill over the village of Cheiry, was sealed off from reporters.

Albert Torche, a neighbor, told The Associated Press the farm was bought about three years ago by a group that said it wanted to do biological research.

Villagers said they had no idea the sect existed.

It was not immediately clear if the Cross and Rose was related to the Rosicrucians, a centuries-old secret society with beliefs in occult lore and power, whose symbols include the rose and the cross.

Literature for the Cross and Rose and various religious objects were found at the farmhouse, along with an audio cassette, authorities said. They did not say what was on the cassette.

Police were investigating links with an arson fire Tuesday near Montreal in two duplexes owned by members of the Order of the Solar Temple, a group that advocates stockpiling weapons to prepare for the end of the world. Two bodies were found in the wreckage.

Police said one of the three chalets in Valais had been rented by Luc Jouret, described as leader and founder of the Canadian group. Jouret is believed to have fled to Switzerland after he was charged last year with weapons possession and conspiracy.

A Dr. Luc Jouret is listed in the telephone directory for Salvan, a village near the Valais chalets, but the telephone company said the number had been disconnected.

Johannes Aagaard, head of a European cult-monitoring organization based in Aarhus, Denmark, said he believed Jouret was behind both the Cross and the Rose and the Order of the Solar Temple, which he described as "two branch names with the same trunk."

Jouret "has built up several occult groups in Switzerland and in Canada within this category of occultism which is called 'new temple orders' — a mixture of old master temple traditions with 'new age' phenomenons," Aagaard said.

Jouret, who is Belgian, represents "an occult tradition with strong apocalyptic elements," Aagaard said. "He expects doomsday to be coming soon."

Police said they found 15 bodies at one chalet and two at another. Later in the morning, they found eight more bodies in a third chalet, which was completely destroyed by fire, and said it was possible they would find more.

Officers said they were assuming a connection with the fire at the Cheiry farm because cars parked outside the chalets had Fribourg license plates.

Valais police spokesman Carlo Kuonen said there was no sign of force or violence at the chalets. Some couples were found lying in beds.

"Apparently they were somehow put to sleep," he said.

Dead baby found at Hiriya garbage dump

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE have launched a massive hunt for a mother who threw her son into a garbage container just two days after he was born.

Workers at Tel Aviv's Hiriya dump discovered the tiny body among the mountains of garbage yesterday morning. Police suspect that a garbage truck had brought it there earlier.

An Arab laborer was the first to notice the two-day-old baby. "I was scared and ran away," he said.

Tractor driver Yitzhak Ovadia said he noticed a crowd of people and went to see what was happening.

"I got off my tractor, and went to see what the fuss was about," he said. "I saw a tiny figure – at first I thought it was a monkey. Then I took off my sunglasses and saw its legs. It was horrible."

Ovadia called the police, who found it hard to conceal their shock at the sight of the baby's body.

"It wasn't clear if it was a boy or a girl," said Ovadia. "I put the body in a plastic bag, and then placed it in a box until the police arrived. What have we come to – babies in garbage dumps?"

Police are asking the public to help them trace whoever dumped the infant. They are still not sure if the baby was killed first and then dumped, or simply thrown in the garbage by its mother.

A tractor had apparently hit the body and a pathologist is still conducting tests to find out the time and cause of death.

"The investigation is a complicated one, and there will be no overnight results," said Dan police chief Cmdr. Ya'acov Raz. "The Hiriya dump serves the whole Dan region, from Bat Yam in the south to Herzliya in the north. Anyone from any area could have committed this tragic deed."

Police are also working in cooperation with the social services in an effort to trace the mother.

Anyone having information that can help police, including neighbors or relatives of a woman who recently gave birth but does not have the child, should phone Superintendent Sa'ar at (03) 7544444.

Four tourists lightly wounded by bombs

BILL HUTMAN

FOUR tourists were lightly wounded yesterday when two homemade bombs were thrown at their group the Tomb of Lazarus, on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

"I heard blast from behind me, turned around and another bomb blasted in front of me," said Alberta Bouta, from Italy. She was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital at Mount Scopus with shrapnel wounds to her face.

A Spanish tourist in the same Christian tour group, Carlos Norina, was wounded in his arm and also taken to Hadassah Hospital. Two other tourists were treated at the scene.

Security forces last night were searching for an Arab youth seen fleeing the scene, in the village of Azariya, immediately after the explosion. He was identified by a tourist, a security source said.

The bombs were thrown within a minute of each other, toward the crowd of tourists waiting at the entrance to the tomb, which together with the adjoining Church of Bethany a major attraction for Christian pilgrims.

Security sources said the bombs were homemade and of little explosive force.

"I heard an explosion but at first did not think anything of it," said Ibrahim Hamdan, who runs a store just meters from the tomb's entrance. "Then everyone started screaming and I heard another explosion."

"I ran out of my store and saw the man standing at the entrance, blood pouring from his arm, as if out of a hose," Hamdan added.

Arab storeowners gave first aid to the wounded, witnesses said. The wounded were then taken to a nearby army checkpoint at the village of Abu Dis, where they were met by ambulances.

"Nothing like this has ever happened here before," Hamdan said. "Now, tourists are going to stop coming here. That's bad for all of us," he added.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram yesterday condemned the bombing, which he said was an attempt by Hamas to hurt cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians. He said that the placing of the bomb in a holy place was especially serious.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who is the Palestinian Authority's minister for tourism, also condemned the attack.

Baram said he was encouraged by Freij's condemnation, saying this showed that the moderate Palestinian leadership understood that peace and quiet in the area would serve not just Israel, but would also benefit the Palestinian people.



Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Zou Jiahua (left) meets with Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (right) in Jerusalem yesterday. (Yisrael Hadary)

Another knife-wielding attacker shot dead in Hebron

JON IMMANUEL

A KNIFE-WIELDING man tried to attack a soldier near Police Square in Hebron yesterday, but the soldier and his patrol partner shot him dead before he could do so, the IDF said.

The incident followed a knife attack in which a soldier was wounded near the Machpela Cave on Friday. In that incident the attacker was also killed.

No one claimed responsibility for yesterday's attack, but it occurred on the date that Islamic Jihad marks as the anniversary of the beginning of the intifada.

Palestinian sources identified the attacker as Ziad Amarini, 21, from Halhoul, north of Hebron.

A curfew was imposed on downtown Hebron as disturbances erupted following the shooting.

In Ramallah and other towns, a partial commercial strike was held yesterday in solidarity with prisoners. One Fatah leaflet called for a strike, but another claimed the first was invalid and canceled it.

In Gaza, families of some 13 Islamic Jihad members incarcerated by the Palestinian Police after attacks on Israelis demonstrated for their release. The left-wing Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed that more than 50 of its members are still in jail, following a round up on Sunday after Israeli soldiers were shot at near Netzarim and Kissufim.

At Orient House in Jerusalem yesterday, Faisal Husseini hosted consuls from several countries, as well as the relatives prisoners.

Rabin: Delayed potash-plant venture likely to be launched by spring

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin predicted last night that a long-delayed plan to build a multi-million dollar potash factory in China in partnership with the Chinese government will get off the ground by spring, but officials noted privately that the project's financing has yet to be resolved.

Toasting the visiting Chinese Vice Premier Zou Jiahua at a dinner held in his honor last night, Rabin declared "I hope the cornerstone will be laid by April. It will be one of the most advanced civilian-industrial projects that we share together."

However, both China and Israel want the other to put up more financing for the project, which was conceived several years ago but has not progressed past the planning stages. The Israeli partners are the Dead Sea Works and businessman Shoul Eisenberg, who has spearheaded business links with China. (See story, page 8)

When asked if Zou will be making any military purchases during his visit here, a senior defense official said, "it is 99 percent a civilian visit."

The prime minister noted that the Trade and Industry Ministry is putting together a delegation to China that will seek to establish a joint-venture high-tech industrial park.

Rabin spoke warmly about Zou, who is the most senior Chinese official to ever visit here, and who supervised China's defense industries when defense cooperation between the two countries began in the late 1970's.

In his remarks, Zou spoke of his visit serving to "enhance mutual understanding and friendship" between the two countries.

Haim Shapiro adds:

El Al's first flight to Hong Kong took off yesterday in what company spokesman Nachman Kleiman said was another step in its goal to increase its flights to the Far East.

The national airline, which already has flights to Bombay, Bangkok, and Beijing, is planning a third weekly flight to Bangkok via Delhi. In 1995 El Al hopes to fly to Seoul as well, Kleiman said.

Reporter suspected of filming staged crime

EVELYN GORDON

AN Israel TV reporter is being investigated on suspicion of soliciting a crime in order to film it, Police Minister Moshe Shahal revealed yesterday.

Shahal was responding to a parliamentary question by Ran Cohen (Meretz), regarding a story in *Yediot Aharonot* about a Kach group whose members had dressed up as policemen and done patrols in cars disguised as police vehicles. According to the story, the group used their "official" position to commit acts of violence and property damage against residents of eastern Jerusalem and the surrounding villages.

Shahal said he did not want to confirm or deny any details, since the affair was currently under investigation.

However, he added, this affair is connected with a television program about Kach activities in eastern Jerusalem, and the reporter responsible for this program is being investigated.

Immigrant suspected of producing opium

RAINE MARCUS

A RUSSIAN immigrant, three weeks in the country, allegedly produced opium from poppy plants using a machine for grinding meat, Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Edward Zasselevsky, 31, was arrested by a police patrol in possession of 25 poppy plants. In an apartment where he was staying, police discovered a large amount of chopped up plants, a mincer allegedly used for grinding the plants, and three bottles of chemicals.

Zasselevsky told police he had arrived here three weeks ago, but his identity card details do not appear on the police or Interior Ministry computers.

Police said they believe that the suspect planned to produce and distribute opium.

Under questioning Zasselevsky said he used the drug for relaxation.

In remanding Zasselevsky for eight days, Judge Nira Lidsky said that "the suspect barely had time to set foot here and is already allegedly trading in dangerous drugs."

Brooklyn court penalizes husband for refusing 'get'

SUE FISHKOFF

NEW YORK

AN Orthodox Jew who refused to give his wife a divorce unless she gave him certain financial considerations was penalized nearly $200,000 Monday in a landmark ruling in a Brooklyn court.

Justice William Rigler ruled that Yehuda Schwartz, now residing in Israel, has through his "obstinacy" forfeited his claim to $184,500, his share in the increased value of stock his wife, Naomi Mauer, owns in *The Jewish Press*, a weekly newspaper in Brooklyn published by her father, Shalom Klass.

Although Schwartz granted his wife her *get* in 1992, Rigler ruled that because of his protracted refusal to do so unless she gave him a larger percentage of their community property, Schwartz may not now claim his percentage of the increased value of the couple's newspaper stock.

Mauer's attorney Anthony Daniele said that this is the first time in New York State, and to his knowledge the US, that a husband has been penalized in civil court for withholding a *get*.

Daniele said that Schwartz only granted his wife her get after she agreed to deed him her interest in their farm in Israel, and paid his $25,000 attorney's bill. Both parties have since remarried. "The court has sent a clear message that a husband who tries to benefit from his refusal to give a get now faces financial consequences," Daniele said.

DFLP says Israel Navy shelled refugee camp

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

ISRAEL Navy gunboats shelled a Palestinian refugee near camp Tripoli in northern Lebanon yesterday killing one resident, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine has claimed.

News agency reports quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that the shelling caused slight damage in the Nahr al-Bared camp.

The IDF Spokesman denied the report last night.

The DFLP issued a statement identifying the dead man as Mehdi Hussein Abu Duaimeh, and saying that the shelling was in retaliation for attacks by its fighters on Israelis in Gaza.

"Escalation of military operations has taken place against occupation soldiers and Jewish settlers in the occupied Gaza area," said the DFLP statement.

Meanwhile, fighting broke out in the central sector of the security zone last night, after Hizbullah gunmen detonated an explosive device alongside a South Lebanese Army patrol in the Shomriya area.

Simultaneously, they fired mortars at nearby IDF and SLA positions, but there were no casualties.

Israelis to help supervise Mozambique elections

SUE FISHKOFF

NEW YORK

SEVEN Israelis have been chosen to join a UN monitoring team that will supervise elections in Mozambique later this month.

The observers will travel to Mozambique through Johannesburg on October 16 or 17, and will serve for two weeks with the United Nations Operation in Mozambique. They are Shlomo Aboulafia, Micha Balaban, Simcha Liberman, Peter Milic, Gavriel Nahum, Dov Shinar, and Oscar Zimmermann.

This marks the second time an Israeli team has been invited to participate in a UN electoral observation operation. Earlier this summer, 23 Israelis helped monitor the first democratic elections in South Africa, both as part of a UN team and as an independent national team.

Israel's UN delegation has been working hard this year to increase Israeli participation in UN peacekeeping operations. The much-praised field hospital that treated Rwandan refugees in Zaire this summer was Israel's first official contribution to UN humanitarian efforts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two killed in road accidents

TWO people were killed yesterday in traffic accidents. Yosef Harel, 39, of Tel Aviv, was killed in Hod Hasharon when his car was hit by a bus at the Ramat Hadar junction.

Earlier, Kamal Yassin, 49, of Arrabe, was killed when a tanker truck driver lost his brakes and the vehicle hit Yassin's car. The truck driver was detained for questioning. *Itim*

Morocco appoints diplomat for Israel

Talal Ghoufrani, a career diplomat, was named yesterday by King Hassan II as head of the liaison office that Morocco will soon open in Israel.

Hassan, in making the announcement, said Morocco was eager to support ongoing peace initiatives in the Middle East.

Israel's liaison office in Rabat could open before the end of October and is to be headed by the Foreign Ministry's director of relations with Arab countries, David Dadon.

Morocco has not yet said when its liaison office in Tel Aviv will open. *AP*

Palestinian Police pay held up

UN special coordinator in the territories Terje Larsen announced yesterday that "procedural problems in implementing a new UN mechanism for channeling donor funds to pay police salaries" had led to a temporary holdup in payments, a UN press release said.

The problem will hold up a British donation of some $4.2 million.

The announcement was made following suggestions that the delay was due to irregularities with accounting procedures.

The new system is handled by UNRWA and the British rather than directly by the Palestinian Authority.

With deep sorrow we announce the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

CHANA THEE

widow of Chaim Thee

The funeral will leave at 3:30 p.m. today, Thursday, October 6, 1994, from the municipal funeral parlor on Rehov Shamgar, Jerusalem, to the Eretz Hahaim cemetery, Beit Shemesh, near the Shimshon junction.

The family

The shiva will be at 5 Rehov Harav Berlin, Jerusalem

Woman soldier mistakenly accuses Gazan

RAINE MARCUS

A WOMAN soldier who said an Arab taxi driver from Gaza had tried to run her over while she hitched a ride apparently misinterpreted events, Ashkelon police announced yesterday after an intensive investigation.

The incident had Lachish police and IDF forces stationed at the Erez checkpoint on alert.

The soldier had complained that while she was hitching a ride at the Zikim junction to her army base, a Mercedes taxi bearing Gaza license plates tried to run her over. She then panicked and screamed for help, running down the road.

A passing police patrol van took her to the Erez checkpoint where she identified the taxi driver who "tried to run her over."

But after questioning both the soldier and the cabbie, police concluded that the driver had simply made a U-turn, and had not tried to run over the soldier.

Peres meets with Oman's FM

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

JUST an hour after appearing publicly for the first time with his Tunisian counterpart, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hosted a meeting here with Oman's foreign minister Tuesday night.

It was the first-ever meeting between foreign ministers of the two countries.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara met yesterday with a group of Jewish leaders from some half a dozen major organizations, for what one participant described as a "frank and open discussion" of the peace process.

Shara said Syria has taken a "strategic position for peace" and committed himself to pursuing the matter of Israeli MIAs when he returns to Damascus.

Peres and Youssef bin-Alawi discussed the possibility of establishing economic ties in the near future, but Israeli officials said no date has been set.

The two agreed on the need for Oman to take steps to remove the Arab League boycott of Israel, to permit the establishment of bilateral economic ties.

Bin-Alawi also told Peres that Oman intends to send a large delegation to the Casablanca regional investment conference later this month, and said that he might attend the event, the officials said.

Tuesday's meeting was an outgrowth of last April's multilateral negotiations on water issues, held in Muscat, which marked the first time Israelis visited Oman.

The latest development capped a week-long string of Israeli diplomatic successes. Prior to the first-ever meeting between Peres and Tunisian foreign minister Habib Benyahia, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) announced it would no longer boycott firms trading with Israel. In addition, Qatar and Israel intend to pursue economic ties.

ADL in effort to fight bigotry here

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is joining with the Education Ministry and Educational TV in a campaign to combat bigotry in Israel.

The ADL will make available the expertise and materials of its "World of Difference" diversity training program and will providefinancial resources for the campaign, David Strassler, newly elected US National Chairman of ADL, said yesterday.

He was speaking in Jerusalem after meeting with Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to finalize details. The ministry has earmarked $100,000 per year for two years to fund the multimedia campaign .

Corporate gifts have also been received for the campaign, with the largest, totaling $100,000, coming from the l'Oreal cosmetics firm, ADL National President Abraham Foxman added.

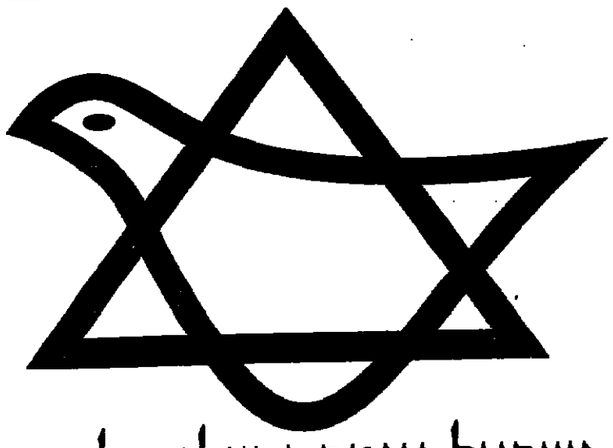
The programs in schools are reinforced by the media in a holistic manner, with tv shows for children and adults, and contests and puzzles in the newspapers, Strassler said.

In Israel, they will address a variety of "different" groups that face prejudice, such as Arabs, new immigrants or women. There will also be media and billboard campaigns with pop and sports stars to amplify the pro-difference messages being taught in the classroom.

Strassler was among the founders of the "World of Difference" campaign in Boston 12 years ago during the race riots there. It has since been implemented in more than 110,000 schools, over 100 corporations and businesses and at more than 400 college campuses in the US, he said.

Planning body OKs 2 sections of Rt. 6

The National Planning and Construction Committee yesterday authorized plans to pave two sections of Route 6, the Cross-Israel Highway. The sections connect Kfar Kassem and Tulkarm. The decision will be submitted for government endorsement shortly. *Liat Collins*



ישראל אומרת שלום לתייר

This is the winning symbol of the Shalom Tourism Year, which the Tourism Ministry has declared this year. The slogan reads: "Israel says shalom to the tourist." The symbol was one of six displayed by the ministry, and members of the public were invited to indicate their favorite. More than 150,000 people took part in the poll, with about 40 percent voting for the winner.

IDF officer, two soldiers hurt in training accident

AN IDF officer was moderately injured and two soldiers were lightly hurt in a mine explosion during a training exercise in the North yesterday.

The combat engineers officer, who suffered foot injuries, was taken to Nahariya Government Hospital. The two soldiers were said to have been only lightly hurt.

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Jackie Mason arrives in serious mood

NICOLE SAITOWITZ

COMEDIAN Jackie Mason may have audiences rolling in the aisles from New York to London, but he was in a serious mood at the press conference preceding his local debut at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium tonight.

"Without the State of Israel, the Jews would not have survived; it gives us our identity and our strength," he said.

The former rabbi refused to answer questions about his political leanings, but chose to show an intimate knowledge of local politics by referring to the age-old animosity between Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres and the Binyamin Netanyahu blackmail scandal.

Though most of the material for his four local performances comes from his current Broadway hit, there will be sketches specially written for the local audience.

"I care a lot about Israel," Mason said. "I am devoted to it." He is not, however, considering aliya.

"Firstly, because I would only earn one tenth of my present income and secondly, because who would raise money in the US to send to this country?"



US comedian Jackie Mason arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. (Jacob Katz)

Educators shocked at hazing of pupils at yeshiva initiation

BATSHEVA TSUR

RABBIS and educators have expressed shock over reports of hazing during an initiation ritual at a Bnei Akiva yeshiva in the north.

The ritual was described yesterday by *Ma'ariv*, in a report illustrated with several photographs.

According to the report, twelfth-graders at the Pirhei Aharon yeshiva in Kiryat Shmuel, in the Haifa Bay region, which is affiliated with Bnei Akiva, subjected a group of 30 ninth-graders at the boarding school to physical and emotional hazing. They marched them blindfolded through the main streets of the town and later pushed their faces into the sand on the beach.

At the end of the ceremony, one of the youth movement leaders, identified as Yeshaya, reportedly told the boys: "You can now join Gush Emunim and you will get permission to kill Arabs."

Boys who cried and begged to stop the ceremony were punched and kicked by the youth movement leaders, the report said. Some of the boys were thrown from stretchers into the sea and others had eggs broken over their heads while they were lying half naked and face-down in the sand, digging holes, the paper said.

The final stage of the ceremony involved a two-kilometer-long march along the beach with their hands on their heads, their eyes blindfolded and the boys shouting: "We have been humiliated!" Then they read the "ten commandments," and, kneeling, had to recite: "Thou shalt not curse a twelfth-grader at penalty of death," and to reply, "amen."

The reporter, Avi Ashkenazi, told Israel Radio he was called to the scene by passersby who saw the boys being bullied in the streets. He said that some of the youth movement leaders had asked him not to report the hazing.

The ceremony was strongly condemned yesterday by Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman, who said that the ministry would investigate the matter thoroughly.

Former education minister and National Religious Party leader MK Zevulun Hammer expressed the hope that the educational authorities would take appropriate action if the report was true.

"The most serious aspect is the statement about killing Arabs. It is both anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish," Hammer said.

A leader of the Bnei Akiva yeshivot, Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neria, said that he had repeatedly expressed vehement opposition to such ceremonies and tried to stop them. "They are not approved of by the rabbis," he noted.

But the principal of the boarding school, Benny Nachteiler, told *Ma'ariv* there had been no complaints from the ninth-graders. He said that he would have preferred not to have the ceremony but that the twelfth-graders had promised there would be no violence. "All the boys who participated had their parents' approval," he added.

Shlomit Gur, whose son, Yonatan had participated, told Israel Radio that her son had not complained.

"This type of ceremony has always been a tradition in youth movements and on school trips. There was only one boy who spoke about Gush Emunim and Arabs, and he did not represent the views of the others," she said.

She added, however, "As an educator myself, I'd prefer that there were no ceremonies of this kind."

A Hebrew University expert said, however, that dangerous initiation rites are not uncommon in Israel.

"All youth movements have initiation rites, many of which have daring features," Hebrew University anthropologist Dr. Shalva Weil said. "The more traumatic the rites of passage, the more attached they are to the institution and the values of the specific subsociety they are joining."

1,000 cured patients reported still in mental hospitals

JUDY SIEGEL

THERE are 1,000 chronic psychiatric patients in mental hospitals who have been cured, but can't be discharged because they have no where to go, the Israel Psychiatric Association reported at a press conference yesterday. It demanded that the government build hostels and other facilities to allow these patients to function normally.

Prof. Shmuel Tyano, outgoing chairman of the organization, who directs the Geha psychiatric hospital in Petah Tikva, told reporters that building and maintaining hostels would be much cheaper for the government than continuing to hospitalize such people in institutions that charge *per diem*.

The 1,000 individuals, who are able to function thanks to medication and psychotherapy, constitute a quarter of all chronic psychiatric patients.

The press conference was held in advance of World Mental Health Day, which is being marked on October 10 by 111 countries around the world. Reuma Weizman, wife of the president, will be patron of the local events, which include workshops at psychiatric hospitals around the country aimed at the general public, professionals, and present and former psychiatric patients and their families.

The association is demanding that the Health Ministry include psychiatric services in the "basket of health services" to be provided to all residents in exchange for a health tax to be deducted from earned income. The ministry has said psychiatric facilities are "not yet ready" for this change, which would increase demand for psychiatric care.

Tyano said the ministry wants to postpone the inclusion of mental-health services in the basket of services for two years, adding that he thinks "the delay will probably be longer."

Tyano argued that including psychiatric services in the basket will not increase the cost, since the government now covers the cost of psychiatric care. Government aid to the health insurers for this purpose will mean that care will improve without added expense, he said.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said that the ministry's policy aims at increasing the number of hostels and other community facilities. Contracts were signed recently with ENOSH, the organization for families of the emotionally disturbed, to build facilities with 220 beds. However, such programs, she said, require participation by a number of ministries.

As for the basket, she said the health funds will not be able to handle increased demand for psychiatric services quickly. While hospitalization in psychiatric institutions will be covered by national health insurance on April 1, outpatient care will be included no sooner than the end of 1996.

TV show increases demand for mood-changing drug

A *SECOND Look* program on psychiatric disorders, broadcast on the First Channel Tuesday night, has increased pressure on doctors to prescribe the drug Prozac, says Prof. Shmuel Tyano, of Geha psychiatric hospital.

"We have already begun to feel the demand from patients," he said.

The program portrayed Prozac, a drug used to treat depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders, and bulimia (an eating disorder), as a cure-all for people who suffer bad moods as well, Tyano said.

He noted that in about 10 percent of cases, the drug seriously reduces the number of white cells in the blood and can be dangerous. Some Prozac users in the US have charged it can change personality and have even blamed it for causing them to commit crimes, including murder.

He said members of the Israel Psychiatric Association are careful not to prescribe the drug except for serious emotional disorders, and hoped general practitioners would withstand pressure from their patients and not prescribe the drug unless it is justified. *J.S.*

MDA launches another emergency blood drive

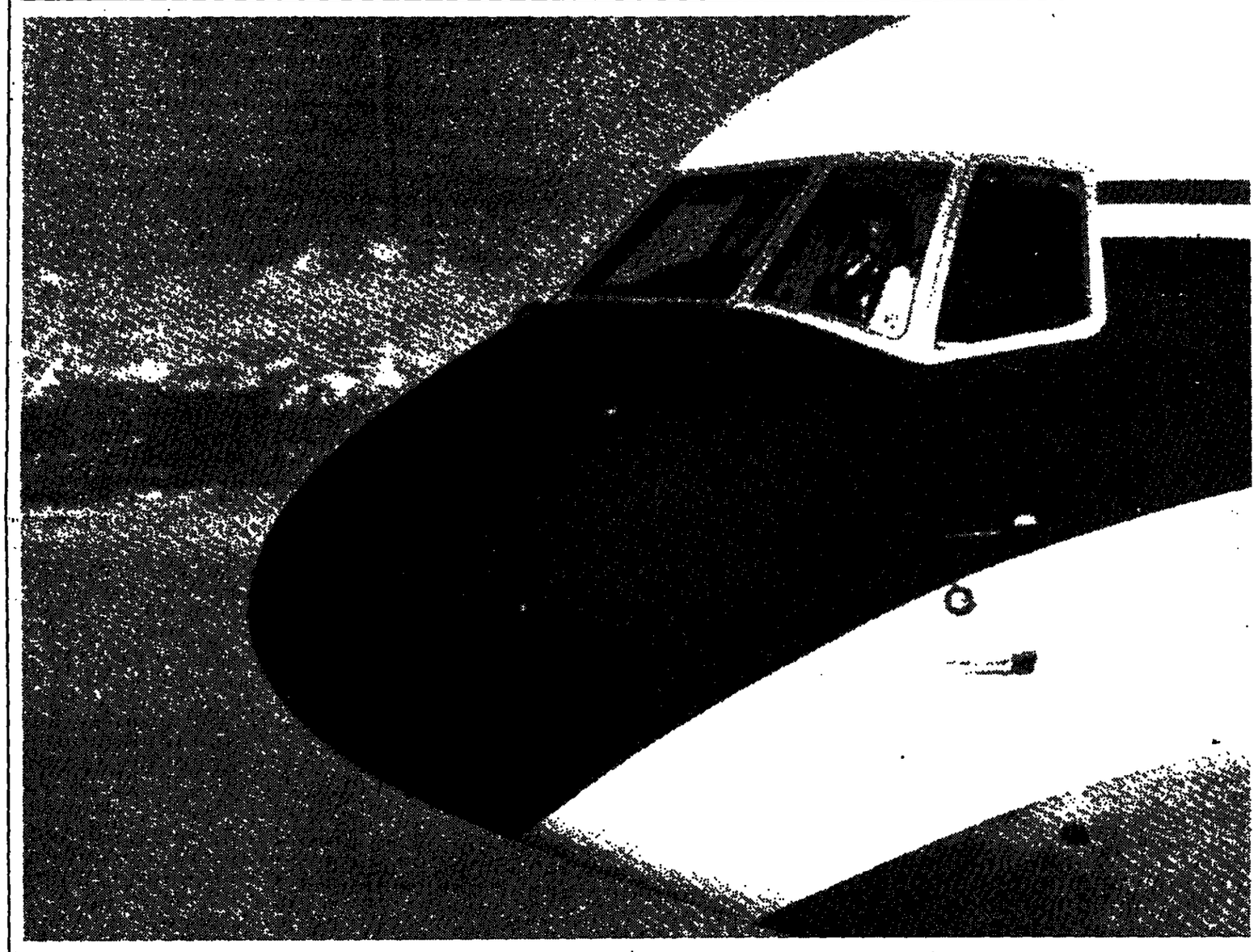
JUDY SIEGEL

MAGEN David Adom is again launching an emergency blood-collection campaign, due to a "severe shortage" of blood caused by fewer donors during the holiday season. The organization said it was having serious difficulties supplying blood to hospitals, which are liable to delay certain elective operations.

The three-day campaign, which began yesterday, encompasses MDA branches in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa,, Ramat Gan, Beersheba, Netanya, Rishon Lezion, Rehovot, Hadera and Petah Tikva and MDA's national blood center at Tel Hashomer. These facilities will be open today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Residents of other areas who want to donate should call 101 for information. Groups who want to give blood should call 03-5343780 to arrange for a bloodmobile team to come to them.

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Austria on alert after 10 receive letter bombs

STEVE PAGANI
VIENNA

AUSTRIA was on nationwide alert for letterbombs yesterday after a judge presiding over a neo-Nazi trial in Vienna warned a new campaign could be under way in the run up to a general election on Sunday.

Austrian radio quoted Judge Klothilde Eckbrecht as saying there were indications at least 10 such devices had been mailed. Three were intercepted Tuesday and yesterday and defused.

Their targets were a publisher of Slovenian books in the southern city of Klagenfurt, a foreigners' advice center and a paper factory employing a large number of foreign workers.

"There are indications that there may be altogether 10 letter bombs on their way. This is according to Judge Klothilde Eckbrecht who is currently conducting the trial of neo-Nazi Gottfried Kuessel," the radio said.

The Interior Ministry, under fire for failing to inform provincial authorities, declined to comment.

Kuessel, believed to be the German-speaking world's leading neo-Nazi figure, was jailed for 10 years last year. Part of his sentence at present under appeal.

Austria's leftist Greens said there was a clear link between the trial and the attacks. Neo-Nazi activists were believed to have been behind 10 letter bombs sent last December after Kuessel was imprisoned, they said.

Two alleged neo-Nazis were arrested months ago for the attacks but have yet to be charged.

Greens leader Madeleine Petrovic, who received one package bomb last year, sharply attacked Social Democrat Interior Minister Franz Loeschnak for failing to tackle right-wing extremists in Austria.

"It appears the Interior Ministry is either not capable, or not willing, to combat the extreme right," she said.

Loeschnak was increasingly embattled as attacks on his handling of law and order mounted ahead of Sunday's election, which could shake up a hitherto solid left-center coalition.

Vienna Mayor Helmut Zilk, a Social Democrat who lost a part of his hand in a bomb blast last year, said he was concerned that the police were floundering.

"They can't handle the situation. So I don't see why they don't call in the FBI or even Mossad for help," he said.

In Klagenfurt, Carinthia state governor, Christof Zernatto, charged there was "chaos in the Vienna central bureaucracy."

"The hush-it-up information policy of the Interior Ministry stinks to high heaven," the conservative Zernatto said.

Social Democrat Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, wary his conservative partners might consider an alliance with the far-right Freedom Party, urged calm. "It's no coincidence that these new letter bomb attacks should come so soon after the foreigners issue was raised in the run-up to the election," he said.

Haider could increase his share of the national vote to around 20 percent in the October 9 ballot, if recent opinion polls prove correct. (Reuter)

Rampaging young couple kills four in Paris

PARIS (AP) – A young couple brazenly tear-gassed two policemen, stole their guns and set off a wild chase through Paris, killing three police officers and a taxi driver before one of the city's bloodiest rampages ended with their capture.

The slayings late Tuesday stunned a nation where only two other policemen had been killed in action all year, and prompted calls for restoration of the death penalty.

Authorities could recall no other incident in which so many Paris policemen been killed. Three other officers and two civilian passersby were injured.

The male suspect, believed to be 21, was wounded in the chest in the climactic shootout, and was listed in critical condition yesterday at Bichat hospital. Police were still trying to confirm his identity.

The woman, 19, refused to talk to investigators at police headquarters. She was identified as Florence Ray, from the working-class Paris suburb of Argenteuil, and had been living with her companion as squatters in an abandoned building.

Investigators searching the young woman's family home found documents bearing anarchist slogans and the name of a previously unknown group, "The Organization of Revolutionary Propaganda." The words "Death to the cops" were written on several of the documents.

Right-wing political leaders, including Jean-Marie Le Pen of the far-right National Front, said the best response to the killings would be to reinstate the death penalty for certain offenders. France abolished capital punishment in 1981.

The bizarre incident began at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday when a masked couple scaled a fence at a car pound, sprayed tear gas at two policemen on duty, and made off with their pistols.

To make their getaway, the couple commandeered Diallo's taxi, taking the driver and a passenger hostage. About 10 minutes into the journey, Diallo deliberately steered his taxi into a police car with three officers inside.

Two of the officers got out of their car, and both were fatally wounded as the couple opened fire, police said. Diallo also was shot dead.

About 30 rounds were fired, according to an injured passersby, Alain Roussel.

"The police got out of their car within seconds," another witness told French radio. "You could hear gunfire everywhere... Police were telling people to 'get down.'"

The couple next hijacked a Renault sedan, taking the driver hostage. By this time, they were the object of an all-out search, and soon were overtaken by police motorcyclists. A final shootout ensued, killing one of the motorcycle officers and badly injuring another.

Killings of on-duty policemen are relatively rare in France – only 22 officers have been killed in action in the past five years. To show their dismay, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua and top national police officials went to the scene of the shootings soon after they were notified.



Cars lie in cracks in a Hokkaido road after a massive earthquake struck northern Japan on Tuesday. (Reuter)

First flight in two years lands in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) – A blue-and-white Aeroflot jet carrying an envoy from Serbia's traditional friend Russia touched down yesterday in Belgrade, heralding the first crack in 28 months of near total isolation.

Serb officials welcomed the reopening of Surcin airport in the Serbian and Yugoslav capital as a modest first step toward bringing Yugoslavia back into the international fold.

To do that, and to end the war in neighboring Bosnia, they urged the lifting of tough trade sanctions still in place – a move unlikely without further progress toward peace.

The arrival of a flight from Moscow carrying envoy Vitaly Churkin was symbolic of the role Russia has played in negotiations on ending the war in Bosnia.

Russia has opposed US moves to lift the arms embargo against the Moslem-led Bosnian government. President Boris Yeltsin has pushed the international community to reward Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic for closing his border to territory held by Bosnian Serbs.

Churkin was to meet with Milosevic. Their agenda was not immediately disclosed, but it could include finding an acceptable way for Milosevic to recognize the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia and Croatia as independent countries.

Officials have said such recoghition is a crucial requirement for lifting remaining sanctions, and that it might be the breakthrough needed to help end the war in Bosnia.

Simpson judge throws out reporters from 'LA Daily News'

LOS ANGELES – In the latest battle in his war with the media, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has barred reporters from a Los Angeles newspaper from attending the O.J. Simpson trial.

Jerrianne Hayslett, a spokeswoman for the courts, said Ito decided to oust the *Daily News* on Friday after seeing its front-page story on the jury questionnaire, which Ito did not release until later that day.

Ito has been angered by media coverage that he has considered excessive and at times inaccurate. He has threatened to bar television cameras from the courtroom and has ordered those cameras out of the courthouse hallways.

In a motion filed Tuesday asking Ito to reverse his decision, the *Daily News* said it got a copy of the questionnaire "through lawful reporting methods, did not violate the law in the process, did not steal anything ... has not harmed the defendant's rights" and there's no legal basis for Ito's action. The motion said the judge took the action "without a hearing or a written order."

Ito scheduled a hearing on the motion for November 7. *Newsday*

Kuril Islanders fear tidal waves after earthquake

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) – Bad weather hindered relief operations yesterday in the Kuril Islands following a massive earthquake that devastated the remote chain and sent residents fleeing to higher ground.

The earthquake Tuesday night, the strongest in the world this year, killed at least 10 people, destroyed buildings, tossed boats ashore and generated waves up to 3 meters (nine feet) high that swamped coastal areas.

Island residents fear that aftershocks, which seismologists say will last for days, will generate deadly new tidal waves.

"They are in the hills with no food, no water or personal belongings," said Yevgeny Kulkov, a reporter on Sakhalin Island who spoke to Vladivostok radio. "Helicopters have been unable to reach those in the hills because of bad weather."

Rescue crews from Moscow, Siberia and the Far East flew to the islands north of Japan on Wednesday to begin evacuating the injured and help restore emergency services knocked out by the earthquake.

Yevgeny Krasnoyarov, the governor of Sakhalin Island west of the chain, said high winds were hampering relief efforts.

The undersea temblor, with an official magnitude of 8.2, was centered 150 kilometers east of Japan's northern coast near the Kurils. Dozens of aftershocks measuring up to magnitude 6 rattled the region yesterday, but no new damage or injuries were reported either in the Kurils or on the Japanese island of Hokkaido.

In Moscow, Sergei Shoigu, the minister for emergency situations, said Russia and Japan would join forces to provide relief, including humanitarian and financial assistance to cope with the damage, estimated at 100 billion rubles ($35 million).

Actress Harriet Nelson dies, aged 85

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Harriet Nelson, an actress who raised her own two sons David and Ricky with her real-life husband, Ozzie, before a generation of American viewers on *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*, has died, a family spokesman said. She was 85.

The popular show, which ran from 1952 to 1966, worked its way into the American psyche: Americans still refer to ideal families as "Ozzie and Harriet" families.

Cedras grieves at funeral of 10 killed by US troops

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) – Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras buried his head in his hands yesterday at a funeral attended by hundreds of wailing Haitians to honor 10 people killed by US Marines in a firefight.

Army commander Cedras and Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby, two coup leaders in their final days of power, stood near the flag-draped coffins in the courtyard of a military hospital as relatives of the dead collapsed in grief. Several had to be carried away on the shoulders of some of the 300 attending the service.

About one-third of the people at the 90-minute service were uniformed Haitian soldiers or police.

Cedras grew teary-eyed and at one point buried his head in his hands in grief. He was seated next to provisional President Emile Jonassaint. Several times during the ceremony the wailing grew so loud it was impossible to hear anything but cries.

The simple coffins of the 10, killed in a September 24 shootout with US Marines in Cap-Haitien, were lined in a row, draped by the Haitian flag. A black-and-white photo was laid on top of every coffin showing the victim.

The third of the coup leaders who ousted elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991, Port-au-Prince police chief Michel Francois, fled before daybreak Tuesday to the neighboring Dominican Republic.

No Americans soldiers were at yesterday's funeral. US troops were busy patrolling the streets of the Haitian capital in search of "attaches," civilian auxiliary gunmen linked to Haiti's army.

The hasty departure of Francois, whose attaches were responsible for most of the human rights abuses here, eliminates one of the leaders who might have been an obstacle to the return of Aristide.

Francois, Cedras and Biamby were to leave power by October 15 under a last-minute agreement negotiated with former President Carter.

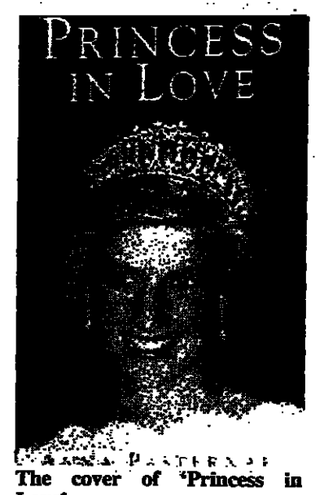
Diana faces new rumors over private life

LONDON (Reuter) – Fresh trouble brewed for Princess Diana yesterday with reports that more private-life revelations would follow this week's bombshell allegations she had a long affair with a cavalry officer.

At least two books about the life of Diana and her estranged husband Prince Charles are due out next month, ensuring that the couple's bitter feud will stay in the headlines.

The Daily Express said one of the books, by royal author Andrew Morton, would name a married man as her current close friend and confidant whom she turned to for "comfort and support" as rumors spread of her ties to Major James Hewitt.

But Morton's publishers said his book had nothing to do with the "various scandalous allegations made about the Princess of Wales" in the *Express*.



The cover of 'Princess in Love' (Reuter)

Buckingham Palace said the story – which did not say that the two had had an affair – was pure speculation.

Opinion polls showed yesterday that the public still supported Diana despite the allegations in the gushing purple prose of *Princess in Love* that she had secretly made love to Hewitt from 1986 until they drifted apart five years later.

The book by Anna Pasternak, whose great-uncle Boris wrote the Russian classic *Doctor Zhivago*, has sold 100,000 copies in three days but the author and Hewitt, 36, are now in hiding.

Hewitt, who lost his job in army cutbacks, has been blackballed by former fellow officers as a cad and a bounder.

Pasternak says Hewitt will not make a penny but he has just bought a country mansion.

'Jewish Rosa Parks' refuses to give up seat

NEW YORK (AP) – Some have called her "the Jewish Rosa Parks" – a bus rider who refused, on principle, to give up her seat.

Sima Rabinovicz wouldn't move to accommodate Orthodox Jewish passengers who wanted to pray apart from the women on the public bus they were riding from their suburban communities to their jobs in New York City.

Rabinovicz said one man told her if she didn't move, "they'd stone me till I bleed. There were like 20 of them, and I'm by myself. I was scared – upset and scared."

That has led some to compare her to Parks, the black woman whose refusal to give her seat to a white man in 1955 sparked the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott against segregation and inspired the modern civil rights movement.

Now Rabinovicz is demanding an end to segregation on the bus, and the director of the New York Civil Liberties Union is representing her in talks with lawyers for Monsey Trails, the bus company run by ultra-Orthodox Jews.

"If I talked to somebody, they told me, 'Shut up, woman,'" she said. "The treatment of women always bothered me... like you were second-class."

Monsey Trails is government-subsidized, and anyone can ride the bus. But the passengers are almost exclusively Orthodox hassidim who live in suburban enclaves formed in the 1950s by people who wanted to get away from the wanton ways of NY. Most work in Manhattan's diamond and garment districts.

Rabinovicz, who is Jewish but not Orthodox, chafed at the centuries-old religious dictate observed by her fellow riders that men pray separately from women.

The men had hung a curtain, provided by the bus company, from the ceiling, down the center aisle. Men sat on one side, women on the other. But the men's prayer group was so large on December 8, 1993, that they needed part of the women's side, too. As sunset approached, the men needed to begin the evening prayers.

The group wanted Rabinovicz to move forward, where the rest of the women were seated.

Someone barked, "'Move it!' – like I should obey," Rabinovicz said. "I just ignored them." The 10 or 15 other women, she said, cowered silently in the front. The bus stopped. Rabinovicz said the driver ordered her to move.

"I said, 'Only if the cops come.' He called the base and they said to move," she said. She still refused.

The men "got off and literally prayed in the street," said the bus company's lawyer, Kevin Hasson. "They were not just sent to the back of the bus, but kicked off the bus."

The driver took her home. But then, said Rabinovicz, he "told me I shouldn't take the bus any more."

Norman Siegel, Rabinovicz's lawyer, said he has no problem with prayer on a bus, but with segregation abetted by a public carrier.

"You have conflicting principles that are significant and serious: religious freedom and practices, and sex discrimination," he said.

Hasson said the bus line doesn't discriminate by providing such things as the curtain, and it doesn't care where passengers sit.

"Whoever owned the bus company, if 99 percent of passengers wanted the simple availability of a curtain, any good businessman would provide it to them," Hasson said.

Hasson said the driver did not get involved in the disagreement, and stopped the bus merely because he was concerned about passenger safety.

Siegel and the bus company lawyers have been meeting for months. If an agreement isn't reached soon, Siegel said, he will either sue or file a state human rights claim against Monsey Trails.

Rabinovicz, 47, emigrated from Lithuania, then part of the Soviet Union, in 1972 with her husband and son, now 24. Their daughter, 12, was born in the United States.

In the Soviet Union, she said, her family risked jail to bake matzo. "In school, they called me names because we were Jews," she said, wincing at the memory.

She now takes a different bus line to her job as a medical technician. Her new bus costs more and is less convenient.

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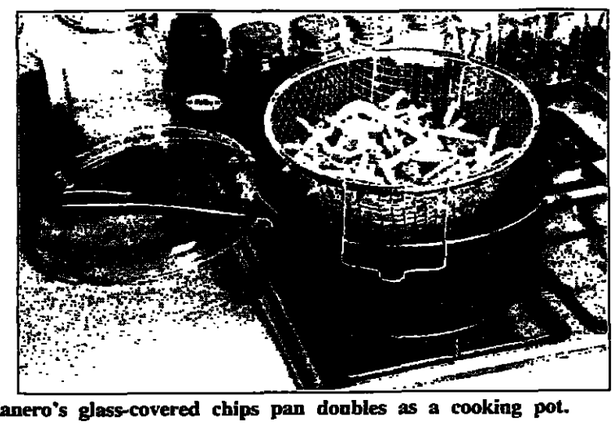
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Canned American goods are opening here

OFF THE SHELF

MARTHA MEISELS





Soltam's whistling tea kettle has 24-carat gold trim (left); Planero's glass-covered chips pan doubles as a cooking pot.

ALL my old friends are making aliya from the US. Not people, of course, but brand names.

The latest newcomer is Del Monte, the food giant which has granted franchise rights to Pri Ha'emek to produce under its label for sale in Israel and the entire Middle East – a potential market of 90 million consumers.

Made-in-Israel Del Monte products are already on shelves at Super-Sol, Hypercol, Shekem and many grocery stores. Time will tell if local consumers will be willing to spend an average of 15 percent more for Del Monte quality than for parallel products with the labels of Pri Ha'emek and other Israeli firms.

All those Del Monte products for which there is an abundant supply of raw materials will be made locally at Migdal Ha'emek, including citrus, tomatoes, corn, beans, peas and carrots. Other Del Monte products, such as pineapple, pears, fruit cocktail and asparagus, will be imported in finished form by Pri Ha'emek. For the past three years, some Del Monte goods have been imported and distributed here by J. Gerber of Herzliya Pituah.

In addition to canned goods, Pri Ha'emek will also produce Del Monte fruit juices, including pineapple juice, which requires imported concentrate.

When exports to Arab countries eventually begin, the fact that they are made-in-Israel will be clearly stated on the labels.

"We have nothing to hide," declared London-based Vivian S. Imerman, chief executive officer of Del Monte Foods International, visiting Tel Aviv to launch the local sales campaign.

FROZEN FOOD producer Sunfrost has decided there is enough asparagus grown locally to freeze and market commercially. Bright green, fresh-tasting asparagus – bearing little relation to the canned kind – has just been released under the Sunfrost label in 400-gm. bags with bilingual labeling.

The price is a stiff NIS 12.95, but a bag is enough for four nice servings as a side dish.

IF CHEESE has a high season, this must be it. Several new products have been released to the market in recent weeks.

Tnuva has a new line of hard yellow cheeses, smoked by natural methods in a special chamber, without reliance on flavoring essences. This produces a smoky rind, which is edible along with the smoke-flavored interior.

The three flavors – labeled (in Hebrew only) as Neapolitan, Provolone, and Balkan Katchkeval – taste so much alike that it is hard to tell them apart. Nevertheless, they have very different prices – NIS 34.30, NIS 38.40, and NIS 42.90 per kilo respectively. If I have a slight preference, it is for the Provolone.

The Hebrew name of the entire line is simply "Me'ushenet" ("smoked"). In packaged form, each flavor has a different color label.

ANOTHER NEWCOMER from Tnuva is Toasty, a line of American-style processed cheese slices, each wrapped individually, in three flavors, cheddar, Edam and Emmental (Swiss). Each package contains 10 slices weighing 20 grams apiece, and the recommended price is NIS 6.49.

THE DAN Dairy's contribution to the cheese fest is a relatively low-fat version of salty Bulgarian white cheese, called Habulgaria Shel Dan ("Dan's Bulgaria"). It has 9 percent fat, which is less than in traditional Bulgarian-style cheese, but more than in the very low-fat diet versions on the market.

Dan's Bulgaria comes in a brown-and-white square plastic box, with Hebrew-only labeling. The price is NIS 11.90 for 300 gm. net (drained) weight of cheese.

DOMINO'S PIZZA, another American brand name which made aliya, is offering a new menu selection: pizza with eggplant. The management suggests that the lightly fried eggplant is particularly compatible with two other toppings, onion and Bulgarian-style cheese.

THE LATEST bit of Americana at the McDonald's chain is an order of pancakes, made from imported mix and served with maple-flavored syrup. It is offered as a dessert or a light meal on its own, three pancakes for NIS 8.90.

Meanwhile, our homegrown hamburger chain, Burger Ranch, has opened two new branches, in Beersheba and in Re'ut, with another to open this month in the Ramat Aviv Gimmel section of Tel Aviv.

OSEM WOULD like us to believe that a baby's first words are "Abba, Ima, Bamba." Now Osem has come out with its classic peanut-flavored snack in "Bamba Bomba" – the traditional formula but in large-sized pieces, which are easier for little children to hold and chew on. The pieces are twice the size of regular Bamba.

Bamba Bomba costs NIS 2.80 for 80 grams.

YOU KNOW what a whistling tea-kettle sounds like. Or do you? Soltam, the pioneer in locally made stainless steel pots and pans, has begun to import complementary kitchenware, including a kettle called Verona.

Its whistle sounds to me like a stuck car horn, while others in my household have likened it to a harmonica playing a single note, or even the all-clear of an air-raid siren.

The handsome kettle, priced at NIS 109, is as attractive as some designer kettles selling for NIS 300 and NIS 400 in fancy housewares shops. It is available at chain stores and other shops which carry Soltam products. The body is shiny stainless steel, with 24-karat gold trim.

The easy-to-grip handle and the lift-open spout lid are a black plastic material, which does not get hot. It comes with the same lifetime guarantee as other Soltam kitchenware, which means it can be repaired without cost.

The kettle has a 2.8 liter capacity, and is quite heavy when full.

PLANERO OF Kfar Etzion has designed a chips pan to double as an all-purpose cooking pot if you remove the wire basket. The cover is heat-resistant glass, and the handles are hard plastic, oven-heatable up to 190° Centigrade.

The handles are detachable, not only to make storage easier, but to convert the 24-cm.-diameter pot into a baking pan. The dark gray body itself can withstand oven heat up to 400° Centigrade.

The Planero chips pan comes in a box, with a label in English: "Fryer with basket and glass lid." It belongs to Planero's Cuisine de Chef line and sells for NIS 60.

THE PLAYSKOOL division of Hasbro Toys offers a child-sized picnic griller for children of three years and up who want to imitate their elders' outdoor cooking skills. It emits a fake smoke which is said to be totally safe for children and friendly to the environment. It also makes noises similar to real cooking sounds.

The Israeli import agency for Hasbro toys calls the plaything "Mangal Kid," after the local term for a picnic grill. It comes on wheels and includes a set of plastic cooking utensils. At NIS 365, it may be more expensive than most real picnic grills.

NEXT TIME you need a Telecard, try your nearest Super-Sol, Hypercol or Hagal Hayarok. The chain has begun selling the phone cards, at the official Bezek price. Now if only the chain would sell postage stamps....



Motorcyclist Gil Goldstein says that racing is much less dangerous than driving on an Israeli road. (Sarit Uziely)

Local easy rider dispels a few motorcycle myths

MOTORING

JOEL GORDIN

THE riders hurtle around the track at more than 300 kph. At the corners, they do not slow down, but instead lean low into the bend, allowing their knee padding to scrape the concrete.

No wonder most Israelis would probably rate motorcycle racing on the same level as hang-gliding or bungee jumping – suitable only for those who have a death wish.

There is no organized track motorcycling here, although off-road racing takes place on a small scale. But you can't keep a good bike freak down, and at least three Israelis participate on the amateur circuit in the US. They are the veteran, 38-year-old Shaul Perry, and two newcomers, Gil Goldstein and Oren Ben-Or.

Goldstein, 24, is now here for an extended visit. In an interview, he had some interesting comments about the adverse results of the negative attitude in Israel towards motorcycle racing in particular and motorcycling in general.

At age 16, Goldstein bought his first motorcycle while living in Houston, where his parents worked. He kept up this interest when he returned to Jerusalem to finish his schooling.

After his discharge from the air force, he traveled to the UK where he attended a motorcycle racing course at the Cadwell Park track. He was instructed in track rules and etiquette and given racing tips – but, most importantly, was taught how to drive safely and was shown how to ride his way out of any kind of trouble (such as skids and impending collisions).

He traveled to the US and obtained work as a mechanic at a motorcycle shop. The owners agreed to sponsor his entry on a 600cc Honda in the "novice" category on the motorcycle racing circuit in New Hampshire.

Despite his inexperience, he has chalked up some impressive wins.

He hopes to return to the US to obtain the "expert" status which will allow him to compete professionally in the US. But this will depend on finding a sponsor – to compete even as an amateur can cost more than $20,000 a season.

Asked about the dangers of racing, Goldstein says it is "much less dangerous than driving on an Israeli road."

The cyclists do sometimes fall, he concedes, but the tracks have a safety barrier and a grass embankment which minimizes injuries. The small number of serious injuries, he says, is also proof of the great strides made during recent years in safety equipment, including high-tech helmets and padded, fire-resistant riding suits.

However, the main reason Goldstein feels safe on the racetrack is, as he says, "unlike many Israeli motorbikers, I know what I am doing on the road."

Many Israeli motorcyclists, he says, drive advanced, high-powered machines "without a clue of how to handle them."

They obtained a motorcycle driving license, he says, by "attending a course of lessons at the local driving school given by a teacher who probably learned to ride a primitive Czech-made Jawa more than 30 years ago. The motorcycles of even a decade ago have no relation to today's monster vehicles.

"The driving test is conducted by a bureaucrat who more often than not has never ridden a motorcycle. He passes or fails candidates on whether they put out their hands to signal a turn, or use both brakes to stop."

Modern motorcycles, says Goldstein, have not only automatic indicators but also air-cooled, double-disc brakes which are more effective than those on the fastest automobile. The front brakes have anti-dive systems designed to prevent the cyclist from being thrown forward when the brakes are suddenly applied.

Motorcycle accidents can often be blamed on the "human factor" – the driver does not properly appreciate the operating characteristics and limitations of a motorcycle which require special precautions and more emphasis on defensive driving.

There are no facilities for Israelis to learn to drive big, modern machines, says Goldstein. He believes this could be remedied by encouraging racing which would give qualified people the impetus to open racing-driver courses.

At the root of the problem, he says, is the Transport Ministry's outdated attitude – an attitude exacerbated by films like *The Wild Ones* and *Easy Rider* – that every motorcyclist is a potential troublemaker. Rather than work together with the motorcycling community to improve safety they "work against them. They try everything from high purchase taxes to police harassment on the roads to discourage motorcycling."

It's a pity, he says, because more motorcycles could alleviate problems like traffic jams and pollution. At any rate, most people who ride motorcycles do so for pleasure and they are not going to just disappear, says Goldstein.

An expatriate comes home to make a statement

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN





Old-world ambience is the key to Lalush Bank-Ariel's fashion signature: 'Most people who like antiques love my clothes.'

FASHION designer Lalush Bank-Ariel is living proof that one should not give up on Israeli expatriates who keep insisting that they will come home when the time is right.

Bank-Ariel, 53, returned to Israel three years ago after a 30-year sojourn in the US, where she had gone to study drama after completing her army service.

With a little training at Habimah under her belt, plus the experience of performing with an IDF entertainment troupe, Bank-Ariel was ready to take New York by storm.

But she quickly learned that there wasn't much future for her without a profession or language skills. Her best option was to work as a model, which she did for 12 years.

From Bank-Ariel's perspective, this was a fine compromise. Her love for fashion was almost equal to her passion for theater.

Growing up in Ramatayim (now Hod Hasharon), Bank-Ariel had always made a "fashion statement" when she walked down the street.

While other teenagers wore a uniform of shorts and T-shirts, Bank-Ariel had a dressmaker who produced custom-made garments with a definite theatrical flair.

Many of these clothes were designed by Bank-Ariel herself.

Bank-Ariel doesn't believe that anyone can really learn design. "You either have it or you don't," she says.

In the 1970s, following the birth of her second son, she went to New York's Mayer School of Design to learn the technical side of making clothes, and then opened her own fashion studio which she ran for 13 years.

But she was determined that sooner or later, she would wind up in Israel. "I always felt something pulling me back," she says.

Eventually she left one son in New York and the other in Los Angeles – and she came home to Hod Hasharon where she opened a funky fashion studio.

"I'm not fashionable at all," she says, explaining that she doesn't follow trends, but does whatever comes to mind.

"It might start with a color or a skirt or the shape of a sleeve. My pencil does the rest. Everything develops while I'm drawing."

Patchwork and layering (currently in vogue), have always been part of her fashion signature.

"Sometimes I'll wake up and like a clean look" she confesses, "but it will always have some kind of surprise..."

Her designs, she insists, "always make a statement." Many of her creations have an old-world ambience, which is why "most people who like antiques love my clothes."

In addition to selling out of her studio, Bank-Ariel sells through Debby of Ramat Gan, the Camelia antique store in Rishon Lezion and stores in arty Neveh Tzedek.

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Peres's heresy

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres's response to a question by a news agency reporter in Washington on Tuesday should have shaken supporters of withdrawal from the Golan to the core.

The reporter's question was eminently reasonable. After Peres glowingly presented his vision of the garden of peace and prosperity that the "new Middle East" would become, the reporter wanted to know "Why is Israel interested in early warning systems and US troops on the Golan?"

Clearly, if peace will reign, which is the premise on which Israel's relinquishment of the Golan is based, there is no need for troops and early warning systems on the Heights. And just as clearly, if true peace is not assured, there is no reason for Israel to withdraw.

Surprisingly, Peres did not say that American troops would be needed only temporarily, until it becomes clear that Syria is living up to its commitments to normalize relations with Israel, reduce the size of its army, and demilitarize the Golan and the area abutting it. Instead, he repeated what opponents of withdrawal from the Golan have been saying ever since the present government embarked on its present course.

Following are his exact words: "The new danger (sic) does not annihilate old ones. There is still a possibility of conventional wars. You still need – and you know, not everyone joined in my vision. There may be somebody else in Syria that didn't notice the change, and they can again employ tanks and planes. We must be careful. We have so many old-fashioned people living round us that you must have also old-fashioned answers to stop them from doing mistakes."

What Peres is plainly saying is that a peace agreement with Syria is meaningless. Such an agreement may not bind the "somebody else in Syria" who, being old fashioned, refuses to recognize the advent of Peres's "new Middle East." (This is assuming that only "somebody else" may break the agreement, and that dictator Hafez Assad himself is a born-again man of honor who, after violating every pact he has ever signed, will now live up to his treaty with Israel.)

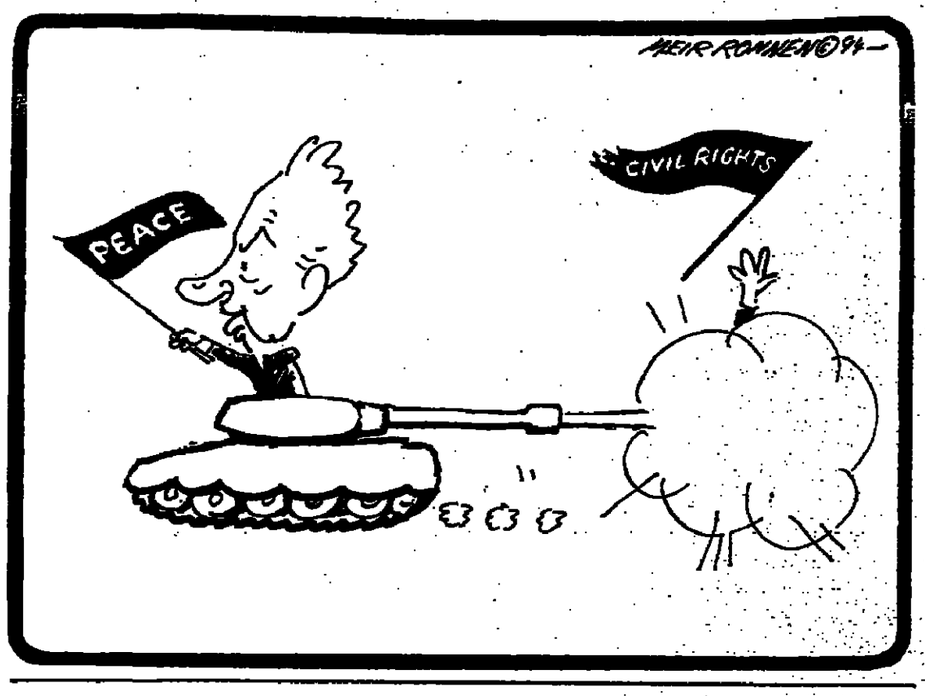
For Peres to admit that a future Syrian regime may discard an agreement with Israel the way Arab regimes routinely discard agreements between themselves is close to heresy. It means that he recognizes that relinquishing the Golan is a high-stakes gamble.

To hedge his bet, Peres wants American troops on the Golan. But no sane observer can suppose that American military presence there will deter the Syrians. According to the CIA, it was Damascus which was directly responsible for forcing the evacuation of US peacekeepers from Beirut, at the cost of one Islamic suicide bomber who caused the death of 241 marines. More recently, it took the telecast of one American soldier being dragged through the streets in Somalia to get US peacekeepers out of Africa.

If anything, the American people are less inclined to intervene now than ever. There is no American commentator today who believes that a repetition of Desert Storm is possible, either militarily or politically. (Not to mention that for the murdered, raped, and tortured people of Kuwait, American help came too late.) And it takes little imagination to envisage a scenario in which the American public will demand the return of US troops from the Golan. A few casualties inflicted by Syrian-sponsored "terrorists" (whom Damascus would publicly disavow) will suffice. Instead of serving as a trip-wire for American intervention, which is what Peres wants, American casualties will poison American-Israeli relations.

When confronted with questions about the internal contradiction of his utterances, Peres likes to dismiss them as trivia. What matters, he likes to say, are the "big achievements," like the new relations with Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia. That these achievements are dramatic is undeniable. But it is also clear that they are the direct consequence of Israel's willingness to do what the Arab regimes and the world community have wanted it to do for 27 years: retreat from all the "occupied territories" and return to the 1949 armistice lines.

The trouble with currying favor with the world by doing what it wants is that, once Israel is back behind those untenable lines, the "old fashioned people living around us," as Peres put it, may mount an old fashioned war. Israel will then have to defend itself from a position of inferiority to which it brought itself voluntarily – at which point the presence of Arab embassies in the country will make very little difference.



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Every one of these biblical heroines was a "woman of valor." Their price was, indeed, "far above rubies."

All had qualities in common. They were proud Jews, proud of their history, their heritage. They were ready to surrender their lives to save the soil of their homeland.

Today, the mantle of women of valor falls on the shoulders of a couple of modern-day Deborahs. Like those biblical heroines, these women are prepared to risk everything dear to them, because they understand the spiritual bond between the land and its people.

Drora Shenk is a founder member and secretary of Kibbutz Merom Hagolan on the Syrian border. A lifelong supporter of the Labor Party, she was one of those who went on hunger strike last month to protest Prime Minister Rabin's resolve to cede the entire Golan Heights to Syria and dismantle its 33 settlements.

Still weak and pale after the 19-*day ordeal in which she lost eight* kilos, Shenk spoke about Rabin's policy somersaults with an intensity that revealed her inner strength. Listening to her, it was little wonder that the prime minister felt driven to address her personally and try to appease her in the Knesset this week.

"I visited Rabin three months ago," she said. "He looked me straight in the eye and lied about his real intention to withdraw from every centimeter of the Golan. But more shocking than his personal dishonesty is the way he betrayed his pre-election promise not to surrender an area so vital to Israel."

Shenk reacted to Rabin's Knesset speech with the swiftness of a rapier blade.

"I don't hate him. All I feel for him is pity. Pity for losing touch with the driving force of Zionism, which created our modern State of Israel."

Drora Shenk and Urit Bodinger lead very different lives. But both are 'women of valor'

"Judge the premier yourself," she says. "Not so long ago, he called me a 'propeller' and an 'anarchist.' Now, suddenly, I'm his friend. Those kinds of tactics don't fool anyone.

Shenk refutes Rabin's suggestion that the Golan settlers' only concern is to save their homes.

"That is totally wrong," she says, glancing around her simple kibbutz house. "We are fighting to save a democratic Israel. If Rabin can mislead us over this issue, he can do the same thing in any other facet of our lives.

"Once a man goes back on his word, and on such a major issue, *how can he be trusted with anything else?*"

Rabin has lost touch with reality, with the people of Israel, Shenk feels.

"I sat in my tent at Gamla, as a quarter of a million people came to visit us. They came from Eilat, from Beersheba, from the entire land. There, in front of my eyes was the true soul of our people.

"They told me about their despair over the prospect of giving up this historical area of Israel. Visit the ancient synagogue and village of our forebears in Katzrin," she told me, "and see for yourself just how Jewish the Golan Heights are."

Shenk describes how she cried when two full busloads of handicapped people, including war veterans, came to support the hunger strikers.

She read me one of the letters she received. "We lost our son and other dear ones in the battle for the Golan," it said. "This sacred soil is stained with their blood. It is hard to believe that we are giving it all up, despite the will of the people. We salute you for your courage, for risking your life in trying to save it. Our hearts are with you."

A number of Knesset Labor Party members called or telephoned, Shenk says. They told her: "We're with you." She sensed their shame, she says, "at not coming out into the open and doing something about it."

She has a clear answer to Rabin, when he says that the security of the Golan doesn't depend on Jews living there.

"I have always been a staunch supporter of the Labor Party. But my loyalty to my country is greater. I will go on fighting to save the Golan as an Israeli who is proud of her country, who has not forgotten her heritage and who wants to preserve democracy in the land in which she was born."

Shenk implied that, if necessary, she was ready to fight until the bitter end.

HER RESOLVE is no less than that of Urit Bodinger, actress and playwright and wife of Air Force commander Herzl Bodinger, who has written and produced a controversial play premiering in Ramat Hasharon this week.

The play, called *Tzamud*, underlines the deep link between Jews and their land. The action centers on the last night before the settlers of a border moshav, Beit Gamla, are uprooted and their homes taken over by the Syrians. The heroine refuses to budge, and the play ends on a bitter note.

Asked if her husband approves of her anti-government-policy play, Bodinger replies: "I am my own person, entirely.

"The act of uprooting human beings reduces their capacity to withstand pressure," she says.

Bodinger's message is: Land is like water. You can't do without either.

"Why did we return to this country anyway?" she asks. "It wasn't to settle in Tel Aviv, but to renew our links with our ancient land."

Bodinger is so passionate about her message – cling tenaciously to the land – that she borrowed NIS 50,000 to launch her production.

Urit Bodinger and Drora Shenk have four children each. They share a deep personal attachment to the land of their forebears. They join Deborah the prophetess as worthy candidates for that honored accolade: "Women of Valor – their price is far above rubies."

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

Peace block

MOSHE ZAK

IN Jerusalem and Damascus, Tiberias and Cairo, Nahariya and Nakura, sit 221 officers of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). The truce boundaries they were sent to supervise have long since vanished, and the Mixed Armistice Commissions the officers staffed no longer exist.

In his speech to the UN General Assembly this week, Peres talked about a changed Middle East. But then he touched lightly on this anachronism – a UN institution, set up in 1948, which has long outlived its purpose – and he suddenly realized that in New York's glass palace, at least, nothing to do with this region has really changed.

Peres didn't go so far as to propose that this white elephant, headquartered in Jerusalem, be finally closed down. He did, however, suggest that its budget be cut and the surplus put into a Gaza development fund.

The UN has a white elephant tethered in Jerusalem. It's called UNTSO

The notion was cold-shouldered, the UN secretary-general claiming that the organization wasn't accustomed to transferring funds from one budget to another. The bottom line was that nothing could be pared from the UNTSO budget, or from UNIFIL (the peacekeeping force in South Lebanon), not even for something as essential as rehabilitating Palestinian refugees in Gaza.

The secretary-general's excuse about the impossibility of transferring funds from one budget to another is symptomatic of the UN's refusal to recognize changes which have evolved in Israel's relations with its neighbors.

Fifteen years have passed since the peace treaty with Egypt, and the UN still hasn't recognized the treaty's existence in a single resolution. Nor has it revised its maps of the cease-fire lines between Israel and Egypt.

And despite Lebanon's demand that UNIFIL stay in place, Israel sees no great value in deploying 5,000 blue-helmeted men from Ireland, Fiji, Finland and Nepal. They haven't managed to prevent hostilities or done anything to contain Hizbullah aggression against the Israeli security zone.

THE UN is entitled to give priority to the Lebanese view. What it is not entitled to do is maintain UN observer machinery in Jerusalem, especially when that machinery doesn't serve the interests of any Middle Eastern country.

We're at peace with Egypt; we maintain good-neighborly relations with Jordan, preserving the cease-fire without UN observers. And another UN body called UNDOF is stationed on the current Golan border with Syria, under the 20-year-old Disengagement of Forces agreement.

One group of UNTSO observers at Jerusalem's Mandelbaum Gate insisted on staying put and flying their flag there for years, perpetuating Jerusalem's yesteryear. Only a large development project was finally able to shift it.

Who needs UNTSO in Jerusalem? The UN flag that flies over Government House (where UNTSO now resides, and which was, fittingly, the home of the British High Commissioner in Mandatory times) symbolizes the conservative – let's not mince words – fossilized UN approach which implies there has been no change since 1948.

This phenomenon of observer forces that have outlived their time wouldn't deserve so much attention, were it not for the UN's apparent difficulty in ridding itself of all sorts of outmoded organizational frameworks. These have given rise to a long list of UN Assembly resolutions, among them a string of anti-Israel ones, reaffirmed annually.

It's as though no peace agreement was ever concluded with Egypt; as though Israel and the PLO never agreed to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; as though there had never been any discussions with Jordan on economic and political cooperation.

The UN forum gives the Arabs leverage to continue political warfare against Israel, in defiance of the peace process. Instead of there being direct Arab-Israel dialogue on issues in dispute, the UN offers the Arabs a platform to hit us through anti-Israel resolutions that are no longer relevant.

These outdated resolutions, like the outmoded UN machinery in Jerusalem, block the road to peace. Their day is past.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIASED HISTORY ACCOUNTS

Sir, – Susan Hattis Rolef ("Just the facts," September 12) is correct when she complains about the tendency of some left-wing Israeli historians "to focus on those occasions on which the IDF, with or without instructions from the political authorities, 'encouraged' Arabs to leave their towns and villages" during the 1948 War of Independence. Benny Morris, for example, has made quite a name for himself by focusing on alleged misbehavior by the Israeli Army in 1948-1949, and pro-Arab propagandists frequently cite his book, *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee problem, 1947-1949*, as evidence that Israel is to blame for the Palestinian Arab refugee problem.

Yet anybody who reads Morris's book from start to finish – instead of just reading summaries of it in book reviews and polemical exchanges – will find that even Morris concludes that the overwhelming majority of Arabs who left newborn Israel were not evicted, but chose to leave in order to get out of the way of the clashing armies. These Arabs simply didn't want to be trapped in "an active or potential combat zone," as Morris puts it (pp. 290-291). Other Arabs left Israel because of their own paranoid fears that the victorious Jews might massacre them (something the Jews never did, but which the Arabs did to the Jews whenever they had the opportunity). And some Arabs left because they were "encouraged" to do so by Arab leaders who did not want Arab civilians accidentally getting in the way of Arab troops who were busy trying to kill Jews.

I share Susan Hattis Rolef's hope for the emergence of "neutral" historians in the future. But until such historians appear, readers can remedy the problem of biased history accounts by reading existing texts with caution and patience.

HERBERT ZWEIBON,
Chairman,
Americans For A Safe Israel
New York.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Sir, – The criticism of Shmuel Katz's language in asserting that the 1939 White Paper legitimized the terrible acts against the Jews of Europe contained in Paul Jeffrey's letter of September 16 is misplaced.

That statement of British colonial policy, coming as it did one half year after the *Kristallnacht* with its death and destruction, a scant year after the failure of the Evian Conference on refugees and after three years of murderous Arab terror identified with as well as supported by Nazi Germany, could only have indicated to Hitler that the Jews were expendable in the eyes of Britain.

The subsequent behavior of British officials in zealously adhering to that policy during the years of the Holocaust, especially following the confirmation of the mass killings, can only highlight that the White Paper was a result, in great part, of traditional British antisemitic sentiment amongst government officialdom. In practice, this attitude allowed Hitler to pursue his nefarious design on the Jews with the total nonintervention, and, at times, unconscionable indirect collaboration, of Britain.

There was no innuendo in Mr. Katz's article nor any expressions offensive nor inciteful but the truth.

YISRAEL MEDAD
Shiloh.

THREAT TO ALIYA

Sir, – As a committed Jewish student seriously contemplating aliya, I found that reading Jewish newspapers used to be an enjoyable task, but now it is difficult and painful. As I read headlines of continued Arab violence and more Israeli concessions, I naturally question how much longer Israel will remain intact.

Convincing young Jews to move to Israel is difficult, but even more so now if they have strong Jewish Zionist identities, and cannot relate to a government that believes in appeasement and weakness. Perhaps the Israeli government needs a refresher course in Zionism 101 – being a strong, free people in the land of our forefathers, not returning to the ghetto mentality of making Jews second-class citizens, and telling Jews where they can and cannot live.

I have been taught that Israel's purpose is to serve as a haven for Jews worldwide – not to seek world approval. I would urge Rabin and Peres to reconsider their "peace" plan, as so many previously considering aliya are surely reconsidering it as Zionism to them means living in an independent, strong Jewish state, and not a land where Jews live in fear and pave the road for yet another Arab country.

RONN D. TOROSSIAN,
New York Director,
Betar Zionist Youth Organization
Bronx, New York.

CHRISTIAN RIGHTS

Sir, – I keep reading over and over again in *The Jerusalem Post* about references to Christians having ownership rights to Christian holy places in Israel. As an evangelical Christian, I must assert emphatically that no gentile has any right to, or ownership of, anything in Israel. The land of Israel was clearly given to the Jew and to no other.

As a Christian, I am grateful to the people of Israel for allowing me and other Christians to visit the holy sites and for Christians being given the opportunity to administer those sites. As Christians, we must acknowledge, however, that this is completely at the will of the Jewish people and we have no rights or reasons for making demands to anything in Israel. If any Christian doubts this, he need only read the Bible and understand that God never takes away a promise and the promises that He made to the Jews have never changed.

LARRY GRONDIN
Aguanga, California.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sir, – I have been commissioned to write a book for high-school students covering the political role played by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

There is a need for materials covering personal reflections of Rabbi Silver, communications from him, photographs, and other relevant information. Full credit will be given and material will be returned if requested.

PAUL FLACKS
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CURRICULUM WATCH

Sir, – It is always gratifying when David Bar-Illan focuses on problems inherent in American textbooks in connection with Jews and the Middle East.

Concerned with the misinformation purveyed to American schoolchildren, in 1992 Hadassah launched Curriculum Watch, a national project to educate its members about the "truths" being taught American children and to work with publishers to emend faulty texts.

As the founding chairman of Curriculum Watch, I am pleased to note that two texts mentioned in Bar-Illan's column of September 2 have already been remedied. *Global Insights*, published by the Glencoe Division of Macmillan Publishing, will be totally revised in the coming edition. *Exploring World Cultures*, published by Ginn, was acknowledged to be faulty and dated and will not be reissued.

Tel Aviv. *SARABETH LUKIN*

POSTSCRIPTS

A HUNGARIAN woman who applied for a telephone more than 50 years ago still has not received it.

Telephone company workers finally came to her Budapest home recently but they could not instal the phone because they ran out of spare parts.

Gyorgy Neusch, now 80, applied to the then-Royal Hungarian Telephone Co. for a phone line before 1944.

She eventually grew tired of fighting the system and in 1985, asked her son to continue on her behalf. In 1991, the phone company promised him that she would receive a phone in a year and he made a payment of 60,000 forints ($560).

Decade-long waits for phone lines are common in Hungary. The Hungarian Telecommunications Co. promised earlier this year that by the year 2000, Budapest residents will receive phones within days of their application.

Doesn't that sound familiar?

OPERA MAY be sweet music in some people's ears. But to one animal, it was fatal.

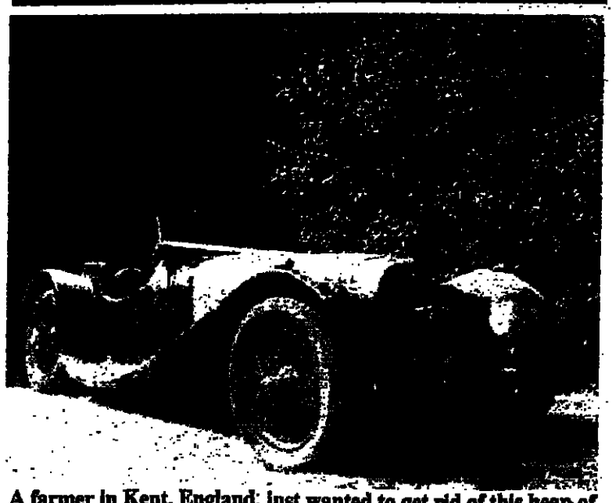
The Copenhagen Zoo said one of its okapis – a rare African mammal related to the giraffe – died recently from stress apparently triggered by the sound of opera singers rehearsing at a nearby park.

The okapi, which like others mammals can be severely affected by unusual sounds, reacted immediately when performers began singing 300 meters from its cage.

"We don't know why, but she reacted to the opera sounds. She started hyperventilating, went into shock and collapsed," a zoo spokesman said.

An autopsy determined the animal suffered a severe "stress" attack when singers began rehearsing selections from Richard Wagner's *Tannhauser*.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



A farmer in Kent, England, just wanted to get rid of this heap of junk taking up space in a barn for the past 22 years. But it turned out to be a rare 1937 Jaguar sports car, which is worth at least $50,000. The car, which since 1971 has only been used by brooding hens, was discovered by an auction-house representative appraising other items. (AP)



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I've got cold feet about marrying this man

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM

Dear Ruthie,

I'm about to get married, and in a terrible predicament. The hall has been hired and 500 guests have been invited, many from abroad. But I think I've changed my mind. Could the reason just be cold feet? I know that prenuptial nerves are natural.

Should I go through with the wedding? My closest friend, who is married, is the only person I've confided in. She says there's no such thing as a perfect mate. What can I do?

Wedding Waverer
Somewhere in Israel

Dear WW,

While it may be true that there's no such thing as a perfect mate, it's also true that there is such a thing as an unsuitable one, and your choice should be based on some degree of certainty.

It is very natural to react with apprehension to such a monumental step. But ask yourself whether going ahead would have more to do with not letting your guests and your parents down than wanting the marriage itself to take place.

Envision yourself free of prenuptial pressures. Then imagine breaking up with this man for good. If such a prospect comes as a relief rather than a blow, you should reconsider.

Dear Ruthie,

After staying home with the children for 15 years, my wife has finally decided to go out to work. I am very supportive, both for her sake and because of the extra money her working will bring in.

My problem is that the job my wife is considering most seriously is an evening and weekend job. This would mean she and I would have clashing schedules, and no time together. I'm hurt that she's even considering this job. But if I say that, it will sound as though I'm trying to stand in her way.

Jilted for a Job
Kfar Sava

Dear Jilted,

You're probably overreacting. After being home for so many years, your wife is so taken up with the idea of freedom and independence that she can see nothing else just now. My suggestion is that you support her all the way and let her reach her own conclusions about scheduling. After all, she's still in the "considering seriously" phase. She hasn't yet landed or accepted this job.

But even if she takes it, she should be the one to decide it isn't right for her. Any negative persuasion on your part could lead to resentment on hers. For all you know, her flirtation with this job may be a test of your support.

Dear Ruthie,

I've been separated from my husband for several months. His parents stopped speaking to me as soon as we split up, and so my children never see their paternal grandparents. My husband lives quite a distance from us, so on his visiting days he sees the children in my home, rather than taking them to his. His parents used to be devoted to the kids, and it puzzles me that they were so quick to cut off all connection because of me. I've never stopped the children from phoning them, but I guess they are too shy at this point.

Should I call my former in-laws and tell them that they're hurting the children?

Seething over Severed Ties
Jerusalem

Dear Seething,

If you are intent on intervening on your children's behalf, it would be wiser to do so via your husband. Tell him about your concerns.

Let him be the one to find out why his parents are hesitant to call. And let him arrange any visits with them.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

For Morocco or Tunisia arrange car rental here

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

ISRAELIS visiting Tunisia or Morocco can make arrangements here for a rental car in those countries, according to the company's local representative.

Weekly prices for a car in Tunisia start at $612, while a week's car rental in Morocco begins at $584.

Prices include insurance, local taxes and unlimited mileage.

FOR THE ultimate thrills, try Buffalo Bill's theme resort on the Nevada-California border.

It offers Desperado, a 1.6-kilometer, $10-million roller coaster that boasts the longest first drop of any in the world, nearly 21 stories, at an angle of 65 degrees, according to the *Las Vegas News Bureau*.

The resort also has a casino, four restaurants, swimming pool, movie theater, shops, video arcade and sports arena.

VISITORS TO London can now view the city's historic center from the Thames, while enjoying a fine meal.

Bateaux London, the same company that operates the Bateaux Mouche on the Seine, offers a choice of cruises, including dinner, for £48, lunch for £30 or tea for £20.

For reservations, call 071-925 2215.

Another London attraction recently opened to visitors is the full-size recreation of Shakespeare's Globe Theater, although the building is due to be completed only in 1996.

Admission costs £4 for adults, £3 for seniors, and £2.50 for children.

THE HABAD Youth Organization, which has long had a stand at Ben-Gurion Airport, is extending its services to tourists here.

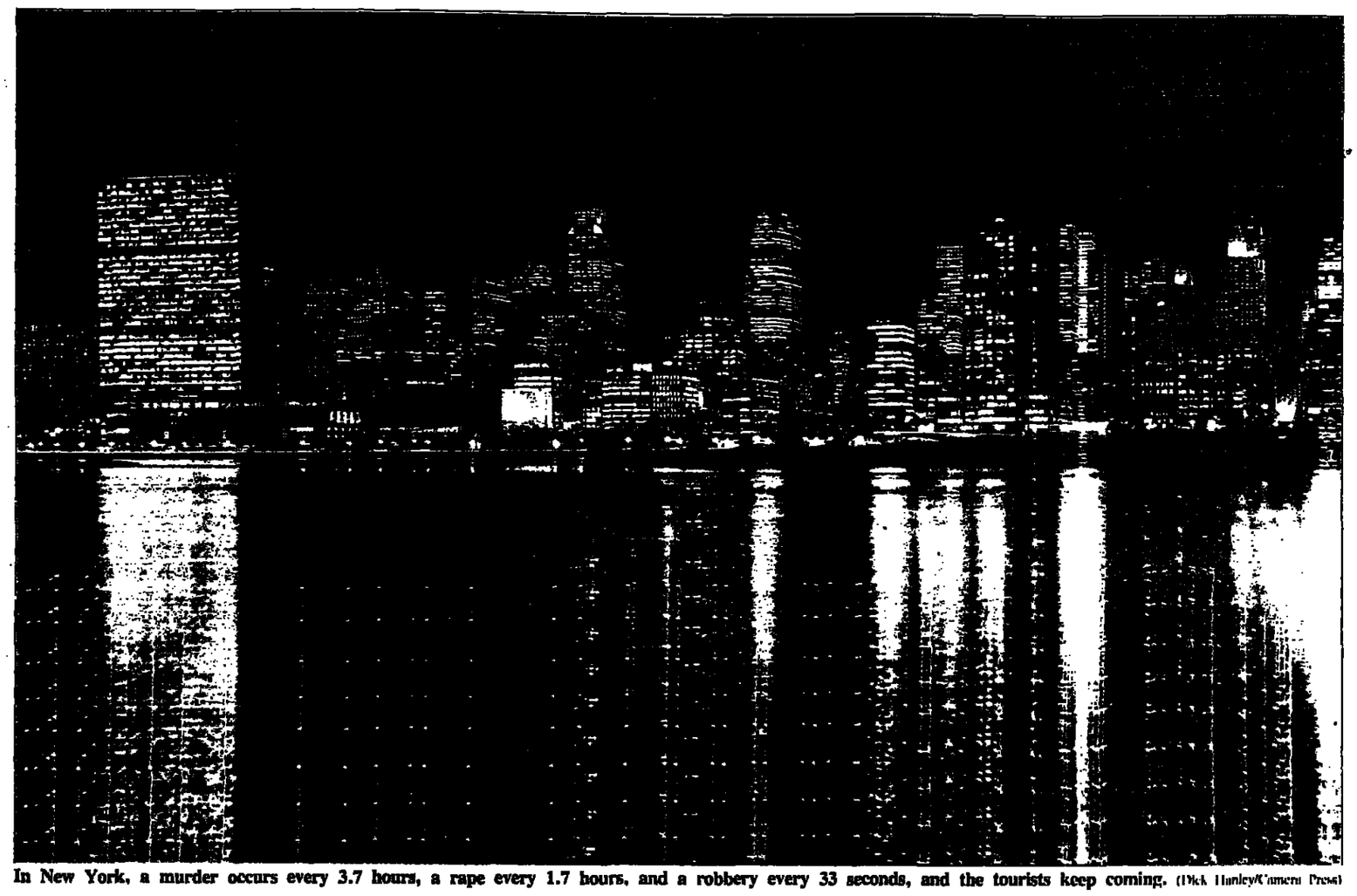
It now offers to arrange bar-mitzva celebrations at the Western Wall and tours of Kfar Habad, near Tel Aviv. For bar mitzvas, call 02-280611. For Kfar Habad tours, call 03-9607588.

A NEW rest stop has been established at the Shizafon Junction, on the road between Mitzpe Ramon and Eilat. Toilets, cold drinks and light snacks are available.

ISSTA, WHICH specializes in travel for students and young people, reports that its clients are again favoring Latin America as a destination, after several years when the Far East was more popular.

The company says that it has already seen a 30 percent increase in travelers to Latin America, and that the total number is expected to reach 4,000.

It recommends that hikers begin their trek in Mexico, Guatemala or Costa Rica. A one-way ticket to Mexico City costs $539 for those under 26.



In New York, a murder occurs every 3.7 hours, a rape every 1.7 hours, and a robbery every 33 seconds, and the tourists keep coming. (Dick Hanley/Camera Press)

Big Apple attracts tourists despite worm

TRAVEL

VIOREL URMA

ROLF Bolowski was relaxing on the upper deck of a sightseeing boat, soaking up the sunshine and the majestic view of Manhattan island. Next moment, the German tourist absorbed another New York experience – a gunshot.

The Circle Line tour company put up a $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the sniper. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani visited Bolowski in the hospital and said later the tourist wouldn't be afraid to come again.

In New York, a murder occurs every 3.7 hours, a rape every 1.7 hours, an assault every six minutes, and a robbery every 33 seconds.

But despite the frightening statistics, more tourists are coming to the Big Apple, attracted by its museums, skyscrapers, well-stocked stores, lower prices and, according to some, the 56-kilometer trip around Manhattan touted in a Circle Line brochure as "America's Favorite Boat Ride."

In the aftermath of the September 12 incident, police vessels tailed cruise ships and detectives lined the desolate shore along narrow stretches of the Harlem River, between the Bronx and the northern tip of Manhattan, to offer extra protection and look for clues.

Police think the bullet that passed through Bolowski's shoulder was fired from the shore, but it was not clear whether the boat was the target or the bullet was a stray.

Tourism officials are quick to point to the "isolated, random" shooting occurrence.

"An episode like this is an anomaly; we don't see it as a trend. But we do take it very seriously," said Richard Altman, communications director for the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Such random incidents of violence continue to make headlines. Among them, recently:

- A man armed with an assault rifle killed a stagehand outside the Rockefeller Center studio of the NBC *Today* show, a tourist mecca.
- A subway rider shot and wounded a fellow passenger as their train pulled into the Grand Central Station.
- And in 1990, a Utah man, in town for the US Open tennis tournament, was stabbed to death in front of his parents during a subway robbery. The attackers wanted money to go dancing.

After such incidents, officials try to polish the city's tarnished image and protect its tourist trade, which brings in $14 billion annually and provides 150,000 jobs.

They trot out FBI statistics, showing 17 major US cities have a bigger crime problem than New York. They say, as Giuliani did after the boat shooting, it could have happened anywhere.

Most tourists interviewed on a recent Circle Line tour agreed. The company even reported an uptick in business the next day after the episode.

"It could've taken place in Moscow. The Russians are picking up quite nicely," said Rolf Larsson, who came from Sweden.

New York visitors are told how to walk, where not to walk and how to protect their valuables on city streets. Police distribute thousands of "safety tips" pamphlets every year, urging visitors to be "alert, cautious and use common sense."

"The thing is that nobody advises us how to avoid random violence," said Patty O'Brien from Dublin, Ireland.

"Obviously an incident like this could have a negative effect on the image of New York in other countries," Mayor Giuliani's spokesman, Bill Warren, admitted.

It could – yet more visitors are coming.

According to Altman, 24.1 million tourists came to New York last year, of whom 4.8 million were foreigners. And prospects for this year are even brighter.

Foreign visitors account for 40 percent of tourism's total revenue – about $5.6b. – though they represent only 20 percent of the overall figure, Altman said.

Attacks on tourists have been much on the mind of international travelers in the past several years. In Florida, a frightening string of slayings and carjackings of rental vehicles in 1993 threatened to jeopardize the state's lucrative tourism industry.

While New York City officials bristle at comparisons with Florida, newspaper editorials ridiculed Giuliani's theory that a random shooting can happen anywhere.

"That's not true. American tourists in Europe or Japan or myriad other places don't expect to be shot in a crowd in broad daylight," said *The Record*.

"The crime rates in our cities far exceed the rates in the world's great cities. We haven't done much to stop the shooting and killing of our own people." (AP)

When these secrets are told, they startle and amaze

OPEN SECRETS, by Alice Munro. Knopf. 295 pp. $23.

BOOKS

DAN CRYER

ALICE Munro, the jewel in Canada's literary crown, is the most accomplished writer of short stories in all of North America and perhaps in the entire English-speaking world. Her stories consistently intrigue, entertain and seduce the reader into the most exotic universes hidden within the most mundane. Anything but showy, a Munro story creates its magic the old-fashioned way – with the quiet authority of deeply felt, meticulously observed, deftly written fiction.

Munro's latest collection, *Open Secrets*, continues her focus, from *Friend of My Youth* and other books, on a small fictional town in Ontario named Carstairs. Though a few characters appear in more than one story, the stories are not so much interrelated as complementary. They share a sense of the mysteries of choice, of freedom's limitation by convention, luck, class and gender, of the odd bits of majesty or perversity that persist within no matter how strong the force of circumstance.

Since Munro's central characters are women, these classic themes are given a richly contemporary resonance. Often thwarted, her women seek to find ways to outwit the conditions that make shaping a life such a strenuous undertaking. Often it's not men who stand in their way but the sense of limits absorbed like mother's milk from the culture itself.

"It may well be that so early in the marriage her submission to her husband was not complete," a minister observes of a young frontier wife in "A Wilderness Station," set in the mid-19th century. This outmoded idea is not so different from the view expressed by a provincial woman of our time in "A Real Life" that marriage, for a woman, "takes you out of yourself and gives you a real life."

All of these stories amount to mininovels, as they pack such an abundance of life into their small confines. But in the best, such as "An Albanian Virgin" and "Vandals," one plot is braided around another of equal importance, so that each comments on the other. In the mirrors thus provided we are offered a crystalline double clarity.

In "An Albanian Virgin," the narrator is a woman who's fled a husband and a lover in Ontario to open a bookstore across the continent in British Columbia. By running the store she discovers a kind of freedom. "the hope of being sheltered... a refuge and a justification." Meanwhile, one of her customers, a scruffy eccentric dying in a hospital, tells a probably autobiographical tale of a woman captured by a mountain tribe while traveling in Albania.

The captive, it turns out, comes to enjoy her captivity, its scrupulously gender-based daily routine – at least until she's about to be sold into marriage and is rescued by a Franciscan priest who may in fact be Gjurdi, her present lover. As for the bookseller, she is eventually reunited with her lover from Ontario.

Of their subsequent marriage, she writes, in a summing-up typical of Munro, "We became distant, close – distant, close – over and over again."

The story, and all of *Open Secrets*, in fact, becomes a meditation on freedom's emptiness without constraint, and of constraint's vileness without freedom. "Wouldn't we rather have a destiny to submit to," the narrator asks without irony, "something that claims us...?"

"Vandals" displays Munro at her fiercest. Again two couples share center stage. Bea and Ladner become mentors to poor neighbor children, inspire in them a love of nature through their private forest preserve, even pay for Liza's college education. However, the grown-up Liza finds herself unaccountably vandalizing their house. She's angry with both the sterility of her life and with the mentors who made her conscious of it.

Bea and Ladner, it seems, have taught her well. Bea's submission to her husband's emotional bullying coincides with her need for "an insanity that would contain" her. Just so, the formerly free-spirited Liza has dropped out of college and married Warren, a Christian fundamentalist of limited intellect and imagination.

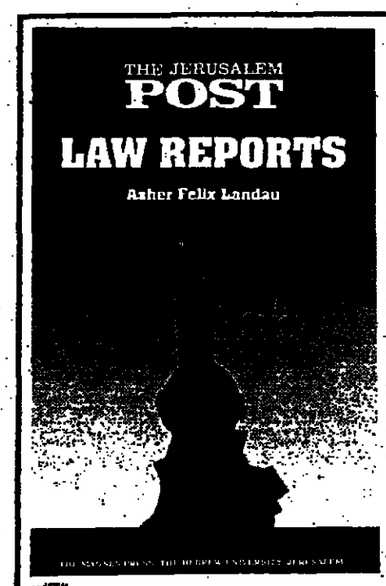
Submission, rebellion, violence? We are left to wonder about Liza's uncertain future.

The choices Munro offers her women are rarely so harsh. In "A Real Life," Dorrie reluctantly marries an Australian who admires her for her love of hunting. Yet she continues to thrive by farming, shooting crocodiles and learning to fly a plane. And she dies a heroine's death while climbing a dormant volcano.

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THE JERUSALEM POST

BUSINESS & FINANCE

PA to Bezek: Bypass Patelco, send bill to us

JUDY SIEGEL and JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Authority has asked Bezek to send it a collective bill for phone calls made from the autonomous areas to Israel and the rest of the world, instead of billing the international consortium Patelco, which had been set up to handle such accounts, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

A few months ago, US, British and Palestinian interests established the Patelco (Palestinian Telecommunications Company) consortium to take over telecommunications services in the autonomous regions.

Phone calls placed inside Gaza and Jericho are carried out by the consortium.

Before the autonomy was instituted, the Civil Administration was responsible for telecommunications in the area.

Since autonomy began, charges for all calls made from the autonomous area were supposed to be calculated by Bezek and sent in a single bill to Patelco.

Bezek sent the first bill last month, and it is due for payment in a week or two.

But Bezek has since been informed by the Palestinian Authority, without explanation, that the bill should be sent directly to Arafat's men.

Dr. Abdel Hafez Asshab, the Palestinian Authority's communications minister, was in Germany yesterday and unavailable for comment.

La Nationale to decide at last minute on Mizrahi bid

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE La Nationale consortium will hold a meeting this morning on whether to participate in the tender for controlling interest in United Mizrahi Bank, only hours before the two o'clock deadline for submitting bids.

The government is offering 26 percent of Mizrahi shares and an option to buy an additional 25%.

Sources close to the sale process predicted the La Nationale consortium will participate, despite investors' criticism of several conditions cited in the sale document.

The consortium is made up of the La Nationale Insurance company (which holds a 50% share), the Steinmetz family (25%), and businessman Alfred Akirov and Elrov (25%).

"The group representatives have spent the last few days discussing the problems, but some of the investors continue to have reservations," said a source close to the La Nationale consortium.

The group asked MI Holdings, the company responsible for selling the commercial banks, to postpone the deadline to next week, but the request was rejected on the grounds that the government is interested in completing the sale as soon as possible.

Two groups are expected to participate in the tender – the Ofer-Wertheim group and the La Nationale consortium. The one that offers the highest bid will start negotiations with MI Holdings.

While the groups' bids have not been leaked, there are unconfirmed rumors that the potential buyers value Mizrahi at between $350 million and $380m. MI Holdings has valued the bank at between $450m. and $500m.

Gil Leidner, managing director of MI Holdings, stressed that there is a minimum price below which the bank would not be sold.

Carmel Carpets has not paid any back taxes

EVELYN GORDON

THE Treasury has not yet received an agora of the millions in back taxes it is owed by Carmel Carpets, the Knesset State Control Committee was told yesterday.

In other news, the committee said it would consider legislation to eliminate administrative fines as penalties for violating tax laws, in light of the serious delays in collecting these fines and their consequent questionable effectiveness.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) also said he would propose legislation allowing unpaid taxes to be wiped out in the case of someone who clearly could not pay and was unlikely ever to be able to do so.

The committee's main topic of discussion yesterday was State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat's report on the way Carmel Carpet's taxes were handled.

The report termed the exemptions and deferments the tax authorities gave Carmel Carpets unacceptable, and Ben-Porat told the committee yesterday that she found the authorities' behavior in this affair very hard to understand.

Carmel Carpets owes the income tax authorities NIS 58.7 million. It also owes NIS 26.5m. in VAT and NIS 9.5m. to the National Insurance Institute.

In response to the committee's questions, Deputy Income Tax Commissioner Haim Dokler said the commission was given high priority on the company's list of creditors. Despite this, he said, it has not yet received any money.

Magen said the affair raises serious questions about the ability of well-connected organizations to get benefits that ordinary citizens would never dream of receiving.

Carmel Carpets is owned by MK Avraham Shapira (UTJ).

The other glaring example, Magen noted, is the Histadrut's Kupat Holim:

He asked the committee to report to the committee on whether there were any other examples of companies which had received unusual tax benefits.

Dan Tichon (Likud) charged that the Treasury must have been personally involved in Carmel Carpets' benefits.

Otherwise, he said, there would have been no reason for the tax authorities to continue granting the company deferments when it had already broken previous deferment agreements.



Ben-Porat: Tax authorities policy toward Carmel Carpets was unacceptable. (Romi Na'aman)



Magen to propose bill wiping out unpaid taxes for those who can't pay. (Eliahu Harati)

Tomatoes at record price

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TEL Aviv marketing outlets are selling tomatoes at a record high price of NIS 6.80 per kilo, the Agriculture Ministry marketing division reported yesterday.

Nuriel Sarim, general manager of the division, said the wholesale price of greenhouse tomatoes is between NIS 4 and NIS 4.80. Tamar and open field tomatoes are selling at between NIS 3 and NIS 4.5.

The ministry said apple prices have decreased during the last two weeks, reflecting a drop in consumption. Sarim said the recent import of apples has had a minor impact on apple prices.

The ministry also reported that potato prices have increased 50 percent on average during the last few months. Loose potatoes are sold at between NIS 2 and NIS 3 per kilo, while packaged potatoes are sold at between NIS 2.8 and NIS 4.2 per kilo.

Sarim said the price increase is exaggerated, since most of the marketing outlets purchased the potatoes from farmers during the picking season at 55-80 agorot per kilo.

The ministry said potato prices are continuing to rise despite imports of 5,000 tons of potatoes.

DSW/Eisenberg Group potash plant project in China held up

AMIR ROZENBLIT

PLANS to establish a potash manufacturing plant to be funded by China, the Dead Sea Works, and the Eisenberg Group are being held up because China is unable to raise the $440 million it needs on the world market, businessman Shoul Eisenberg said yesterday.

Eisenberg was speaking to reporters during a tour of Dead Sea Works facilities in Sdom by Chinese Vice Premier Zou Jiahua.

According to Eisenberg, China had tried to borrow $400m. from the World Bank, but it refused to extend the credit, saying it would do so only after the project was one-third completed.

The Chinese asked Eisenberg to intervene, and with his help they reapplied to the World Bank.

The bank said it would grant the loan if the National Bank of China would guarantee it. But the Chinese national bank refused to do so, so the loan once again fell through.

The Chinese applied to investment banks in the US, Europe, and the Far East, but were turned down.

Haim Erez, the general manager of Israel Chemicals, the Dead Sea Works parent company, said that in talks with Zou yesterday he did not get a firm answer as to when or whether the Chinese would sign the final agreement for the project, which has been under discussion for some three years.

Under a preliminary agreement signed a year ago, the Chinese were to fund and own 75% of the plant, which would be located in China.

When it became clear the Chinese were having trouble with financing, they asked the other two partners to up their portion of the investment, leaving the Chinese with only a 66% stake.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

United Mizrahi buys 20% of Fritz Company CB: United Mizrahi's investment company, a subsidiary of United Mizrahi Bank, has purchased 20 percent of the capital and votes in Fritz Company CB for $500,000, the bank informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. The remaining 80% of the foreign transportation arrangement company is owned by Fritz Company Israel T shareholders.

Fritz Company C.B. is a member of the US-based Fritz Companies. Mizrahi said it has received an option to purchase an additional 5% of the company's share capital and control at similar conditions.

Ciechanover announces plans to return to Israel: Joseph Ciechanover, president of PEC Israel Economic Corp. in New York, has announced plans to return here and resign from management of the company at the end of this year. Ciechanover has managed PEC, a subsidiary of IDB Development Corp., for 15 years. He will continue to serve as a member of the board of directors of IDB Holding, IDB Development and PEC.

BTG announces private placement: Bio-Technology General has announced a private placement of some five million shares at $1.75 per share to Elliott Associates of New York and Grace Brothers of Chicago. The closing is expected by October 15.

The $9 million raised by the placement will be used to fund ongoing activities, including research and development. Following the private placement, BTG's cash balances will be some $17m., with approximately 43 million common shares outstanding.

BTG also announced it will suffer a loss for the third quarter and the year. The company received only $1.4m. out of an expected $3.75m in R&D funding from the Bio-Cardia Corporation.

Pharmos completes private placement: Biotechnology developer Pharmos announced yesterday the completion of two private placements of common stock, raising $5.6 million from the sale of 5.1 million shares. Pharmos said the proceeds filled the company's immediate cash needs.

Subscribers to the share issue were institutional investors, affiliates and Pharmos management. As a result, Pharmos has terminated the planned secondary offering.

Super-Sol announces packaging prize: Super-Sol this week announced the 1994 winners of its annual packaging prize. Top prize went to the Land of Canaan olive oil, sold in pyramid-shaped bottles by a newcomer to the food field, Zeta Natural Oils of Yokne'am.

Other prize winners were Segal's Grappa liquor in slim green bottles, Sunfrost's Hasidra Hahama frozen foods, Tnuva's Provence cream cheeses in wood-look cartons, and Wilco's Pinnk line for men in black-and-gold plastic bottles.

All prize winners will share the NIS 25,000 prize money, while Zeta was also awarded a pair of flight tickets to Hungary to mark Super-Sol's entry into the supermarket field there.

Airports Authority transfers NIS 72 million for debt incurred: The Airports Authority has transferred some NIS 72 million to the Treasury in payment for debt incurred as a result of the becoming a private company. The payment comes after a series of negotiations starting in 1977, when the authority was established as an independent body, after having been a part of the Transport Ministry.

Among the items which were discussed were annual payments due to the state, depreciation of the authority property, payment for the state property, the transfer of responsibility for the employees from the state to the authority, charges by the authority to the state, and the establishment of a leasing fee, based upon the authority's income.

Agis finalizes acquisition of New York-based Clay Park Labs: Agis Industries has announced the completion of its acquisition of New York-based Clay Park Labs. The total investment, including payment of outstanding bank debts, is $56.7 million. Clay Park manufactures generic over-the-counter pharmaceuticals and dermatological products, primarily for the private label market.

Larva-infected potatoes returned to Turkey: The Agriculture Ministry has returned a consignment of 600 tons of potatoes to Turkey after discovering they were infected by larva of the Colorado beetle, the ministry reported yesterday. Prof. Shmuel Elhanan, manager of the flora division, said the beetle is capable of exterminating entire potato fields and has caused significant damage in Europe the last few years. The larva is not found here.

Water restrictions lifted for local authorities

DAVID RUDGE

WATER Commissioner Gideon Tsur has decided to lift restrictions on supplies of water to local authorities for domestic and commercial use.

Until now, towns, villages and regional councils have been allocated annual water quotas, which if exceeded have resulted in heavy fines for the offenders.

Tsur, however, maintained that local authorities were unable to control water consumption by households and commercial premises in the areas under their jurisdiction.

He also said fines imposed for exceeding quotas were often not collected for a variety of reasons.

Under the proposals, which have been approved by the Water Council, there would be no more restrictions on supplies of water for domestic, commercial and business use, or for irrigating public parks, gardens and other local services.

The quotas for agriculture and heavy industrial use, however, are to remain in force.

Tsur said the recent increase in the price of water supplied to local authorities was perhaps the best form of regulation and in itself encouraged people to conserve water.

Water is supplied by Mekorot to local authorities, which are in turn responsible for ensuring supplies to residents, as well as business and commercial premises within their jurisdiction.

Local authorities still face fines for waste, based on any difference between quantities received by councils and those allocated directly to consumers.

If the difference exceeds 15 percent, as a result of leaks from broken pipes, the offending council face fines of up to 30 agorot per cubic meter – on top of the regular price of 93.6 agorot per cubic meter.

The proposals are to published, and the public will have 60 days to raise any objections, after which Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur will decide whether to submit the plans to the Knesset Finance Committee.

If all goes smoothly, the proposals to lift the restrictions on water supplies for domestic use are expected to be implemented by the beginning of next year.

Shohat sends MKs letter promoting open competition

EVELYN GORDON

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat appears to oppose regulations requiring the government to favor domestic industries in its purchases, based on a letter he sent to the Knesset Law Committee.

The committee is discussing regulations that would require governmental organizations to give preference to domestic products even if they are more expensive.

Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), noting that such protection of domestic products bears an economic price, therefore asked Shohat for data on how such a policy would impact on government expenses, inflation and the health of Israeli industries.

Although Shohat did not explicitly say he opposed the regulations, the four-page letter explaining why open competition would be better for the country's economy includes not one word of justification for why such regulations might nevertheless be beneficial.

Shohat cited a study done by the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce on the effect of import liberalization which examined the prices of numerous products from different branches of the economy between September 1991 and April 1994.

The study found that the prices of products exposed to competition rose by an average of 18.1 percent during this period, compared to a general inflation rate of 24%.

In contrast, the prices of goods protected from competition rose by an average of 32.2%.

In his letter, Shohat also cited a study by two professors which examined the effects of import liberalization in several countries around the world, including Chile, Greece, Indonesia, Israel in the 1960s, South Korea, Singapore, Spain, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

This study showed that in most cases competition forced the country to shift its resources to fields where it had a competitive advantage.

As a result of this switch, exports, employment, economic growth and the balance of payments all improved – contrary to the fears usually cited by opponents of liberalization, Shohat noted.

"The policy of exposure to [competition from] imports, which says the state should be allowed to benefit from cheaper prices abroad instead of [buying] expensive domestic products, makes it possible to base the Israeli economy on healthy principles of competition and efficiency," the letter said.

"This policy is also important to domestic firms, since the threat of competition from imports forces the company not to rest on its laurels but instead to operate in a dynamic environment [which leads it] to constantly try to improve itself.

"In this way it is possible for both the individual firm and the state as a whole to produce economic and technological achievements, while maintaining a low level of prices [and] a wide choice of products..." the letter concluded.

IEC, Russian firm to sign deal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

OSE, a Russian government-owned energy conglomerate, is about to sign an agreement with Israel Electric Corporation to construct an electrical power unit in Mishor Rotem, IEC managing director Moshe Katz announced yesterday.

OSE is a conglomerate consisting of five companies, which supplies electricity to all of Russia.

Katz said the Russians have proposed to construct a 300-megawatt power station in Mishor Rotem, in the area of the oil shale mines.

OSE senior executives are due to arrive in Israel today to sign the contract.

Katz said the agreement will be the largest signed between IEC and another electricity manufacturer.

The agreement is the first step in the framework of IEC's strategy to incorporate other manufacturers in the country's electricity production.

Katz said several private manufacturers have turned to IEC with proposals to invest in a power unit that will sell its electricity to IEC.

Ormat is interested in supplying 30 megawatts, while Ashkogan hopes to supply 25 MW.

IEC has already signed a contract with Nordan Technologies for supply of 10 MW of electricity.

Russia signs deal with bank creditors

MADRID (Reuter) – Russia signed a breakthrough agreement with its bank creditors yesterday, paving the way for a deal to reschedule nearly $25 billion of debt and ending 15 months of deadlock.

The agreement, hammered out on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Madrid, cleared up outstanding legal issues which had prevented a debt accord from being settled much earlier.

The rescheduling offers Russia's struggling economy a major source of financial relief. Moscow had assumed responsibility for repaying all debts of the former Soviet Union, which now amount to nearly $90 billion.

The agreement gives Russia a five-year grace period during which it has to pay back neither interest nor debt principal. After that it will be given another 10 years to pay off the debt in semi-annual installments.

Zur Shamir Holding buys controlling interest in Adgar Textile for NIS 43m.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ZUR Shamir Holding has purchased controlling interest in Adgar Textile Industries for NIS 43.75 million, the companies informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Zur Shamir purchased 48.8 percent of Adgar shares at NIS 5.27 per share in the framework of its strategy to increase its real estate assets.

The shares were purchased from Eliyahu Yosef, major shareholder and managing director of the company.

Adgar's remaining shares are divided between the public, which has a 30.2% share, and three banks.

Bank Discount Group has a 6.3% stake in Adgar, the Bank Hapoalim Group controls 7.9% and First International Bank has a 7.2% share.

Adgar owns a textile plant in Ofakim which manufactures knitting fabrics.

Zur Shamir reported the company's sales were NIS 60m. last year.

The company also owns Adgar Albani Bonded, a public company, and several properties in Petah Tikva.

The company has 6,000 square meters of building space which is leased to Adgar Albani and another property of 4,000 sq.m.

The company also has a 7.7-dunam plot on which it intends to construct a 24,000-sq.m. building for industry and commerce and a 20-dunam plot in the north part of Petah Tikva.

Ashtrom is currently constructing 200 housing units and a 3,500-sq.m. commercial building on the plot.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (5.10.94)

Currency (deposit size)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.625
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	5.000	5.875
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.250	4.375	4.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.250	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

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German mark	1.9344	1.9616	1.90	1.98	1.9489
Pound sterling	4.7445	4.8113	4.65	4.87	4.7773
French franc	0.5740	0.5740	0.55	0.58	0.5704
Japanese yen (100)	3.0016	3.0439	2.95	3.08	3.0241
Dutch florin	1.7280	1.7523	1.70	1.78	1.7393
Swiss franc	2.3344	2.3673	2.29	2.40	2.3476
Swedish krone	0.4056	0.4113	0.40	0.42	0.4066
Norwegian krone	0.4440	0.4502	0.44	0.46	0.4471
Danish krone	0.4938	0.5008	0.49	0.51	0.4975
Finnish mark	0.6231	0.6319	0.61	0.64	0.6274
Canadian dollar	2.2222	2.2535	2.18	2.29	2.2301
Australian dollar	2.2145	2.2455	2.15	2.27	2.2295
S. African rand	0.8372	0.8490	0.80	0.88	0.8435
Belgian franc (10)	0.9412	0.9544	0.93	0.97	0.9473
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7807	2.7894	2.70	2.83	2.7700
Italian lira (1000)	1.9093	1.9301	1.88	1.97	1.9161
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.10	4.45	4.2950
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.88	0.91	0.9046
ECU	3.6973	3.7493	—	—	3.7266
Irish punt	4.6997	4.7618	4.59	4.87	4.7216
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Mark	NIS 1.9489	+0.19%

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New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3727.84	-12.79
DJ Transport	1442.45	-16.77
DJ Utils	178.42	-0.29
DJ Comp	1268.35	-7.31
NYSE Industr	314.48	-1.33
NYSE Transport	225.06	-3.06
NYSE Comp	250.83	-1.13
S&P 100	420.56	+0.18
S&P Stock Index	452.51	-1.06
AMEX Comp	439.93	-2.56

NYSE stocks

Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements +572	483	1803

Volume up (in 1000s) 91585
Volume down (in 1000s) 221285

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2956.1	-45.7
Tokyo Nikkei average	19751.5	+182.9
Singapore all-share Index	1954.69	-2.89
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9298.36	-205.76
Israel Index	171.36	-0.53

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pep	46.5	0
Ampal A	9.875	+0.125
Aryt	2	0
BioTechnology	2.25	+0
Cayenne Corp	0.75	0
Frutarom (electronic)	3.375	+0.125
Elscint	2	-0.125
Etz Lavud	7.875	-0.375
Etz Lavud A	6.125	-0.125
Laser T.	5.5	+0
PEC	27.5	-0.875
Tadiran	20.75	-0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	9.375	+0.625
ATH. Dimension	6.5	-0.125
Ampal 6.5	29	0
BVR	5.688	-0.125
Comverse	16.625	-0.25
Data (Delorme)	8.125	-0.125
ECI	77.25	+0
Electric	2.375	-0.375
Elbit-Soft	9.625	-0.25
Electro Foot	6.75	+0
EFFI	25	+0.125
Elbit	25	0
Elron	9.875	-0.125
Evland Robotec	0.75	-0.0625
Fibronix	1.125	+0
M. Systems	4	-0.125
Gilat	12.5	+0.125
IDB	2.375	+0.125
Geotek	10	-0.25
Health Tech	2.03125	+0.03125
Idan	0.53125	+0.03125
IS	3.78125	-0.21875
Indigo	18.5	-0.125
Interpharm	18.5	0
Intracel	1.75	+0
First Isr Fund	13.375	+0
Isras	0.53125	0
Lannet	8.25	-0.125
Lanoptics	8.625	-0.375
Magal	4.75	-0.125
Media-Al	3.375	+0
Mercury	9	-0.25
Magic	9	-0.5
Oktotech	9.75	+0
Orbop Tech	2.625	-0.0625
Orbot	3.25	-0.375
Robocomtics	1.09375	-0.1875
Sapiens	3.8125	+0
Scitex	21.625	+0.125
Silicom	3.5	+0
T.A.T. Technol	3	-0.25
Tiro VR	5.063	+0.125
Teledata	6.5	+0.25
Telegraph	4.875	+0
Teva	28	-0.1875
TVG	1.625	+0

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.586	+0.0046
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5846	+0.0052
D-mark:	spot	1.543	+0.0047
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6483	+0.0018
S-franc:	spot	1.279	+0.0056
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7845	+0.0042
Yen:	spot	99.59	+0.1
	Dec.future (CME)	0.01011	+9e-006
CanDlr:	spot	1.3483	+0.0009
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7429	+0.0014
AusDlr:	spot	0.7405	+0.0013
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7384	+0.0003
F-franc:	spot	5.273	-0.0065
B Lire:	spot	1570	+0.05
Mg:	spot	1.7979	-0.0035
AustMg:	spot	10.88	-0.0575
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Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.625	0
Dollar	6 months	5.875	0
Dollar	12 months	6.375	0
Sterling	3 months	6.0625	0
Sterling	6 months	6.625	-0.0625
Sterling	12 months	7.5625	0
S-franc	3 months	4.25	0
S-franc	6 months	4.375	0
S-franc	12 months	4.75	0
D-mark	3 months	5.25	0
D-mark	6 months	5.375	0
D-mark	12 months	5.8125	0
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.5	0
Yen	12 months	2.75	0

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1282	+3
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	215.05	+0.9
Sugar no.11 (Oct) (CEC)		
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	407.5	-1.25
Soybeans(Nov)(CBOT)	534.25	-1.75
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	91.35	-0.65
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	18.14	-0.05

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	943	-28
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1507	-16
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1687	-5

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	382.25	-0.5
Silver:	spot	5.61	+0.01

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	385.2	-0.5
Silver (Dec)	5.652	+0.012
Platinum (Oct)	422.4	+4.2
Palladium (Dec)	155.1	+1.45
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.159	+0.0055

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	382.15	-1.95
Gold PM fix	383.7	-1.25
Silver fix	5.58.6	-0.9
Platinum PM fix	420	+2.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstIntl2	3580	-3.7
Discount	6360	-2.2
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
IsraelWt1		
Leumi	180.50	-4.3
OHN	126500	
Trade	599	-0.5
TrstSC	172.50	0.5

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Aclamin	333000	-2.0
Clomtel	688	
ClomCB	395	-5.1
DorelMB	17854	
FirstMB	39111	
IndepMB	33995	
J IsbC	125.00	0.4
JernBnk	280	-5.3
LeumiMBR	89000	
Mishkan	29000	-0.7
MishkanC	163.50	-1.8
MtgInv	8992	-3.3
TefahotR	183252	-0.8

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shilon	7588	-0.3

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsrelDev1	1358	-10.2
Atarot	1590	
Ayalon	1179	
AyalonC	703	0.9
Eden	310	
ElanorCl	192.50	-1.5
Hadarl	1151	-2.2
HadarS	1134	-1.0
HamashbrC	1000.00	
Hamsbrar1	1440	-2.0
HamshrusS	1392	-2.0
Menorah1	1165	
MenorahS	1134	-3.0
Phoenix1	2647	
PhoenixS	3395	-7.7
Sahar	885	-4.3
ZionS	7972	-1.5

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashoham	480	
Mehlav	1341	-0.5
Bazan	1718	
BazanWt2	164.00	-3.6
BndWthC1	135.50	0.4
BndWthC2	124.50	-0.8
BondWrt1 L	3783	-0.2
Clal1	75787	-1.2
Clal Coup	17499	0.5
ClalCoupC	202	
ClalTWt5	139.00	8.6
CorSearch	1897	-5.0
CroDyn	1385	-3.0
Crystal	1858	-3.0
DanHotl1	2474	
DCL	595	-1.5
DCLW	186.50	-3.1
Elad	1880.00	-0.8
Feldman	1650.00	-4.4
GenTrader	239	4.8
GenHotC	201	
GlbgG2	180.00	
GlenICI	118.00	-1.7
GlenWt2	127.50	-5.8
HGICI	134.00	
HGIW1	134.50	-10.0
HGirl	451	-5.5
Hagenm1	3694	
HagenS	3400	-5.8
Lilos	1150	-2.0
Mlsli	1008	-2.0
Medtech	532	-1.5
MedtechW	885	-7.0
MLLC1	170.00	
Repac	1020	
Rashcl	84.00	-10.2
RashoC1	100.00	-4.8
Team	3499	-2.0
TeamC1	174.00	-2.8
TeamC2		
Telsys	1233	-1.5
Topline	312	-4.9
YaadC1	115.50	-0.4
Yasna	988	8.2
Yedet	881	-0.2
Yuna	525	-4.7

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Isras	1251	
ACsrys1	1128	-4.6
AcsrysC2	1117	-4.5
AdamC	554	2.8
Arapa	126666	-5.5
Arad	6720	
Arr ac2	208	
ClalIns	2777	
Clal50	7686	-4.0
DanburC	216	-1.8
Dashar1	2837	
Elem	3417	-10.0
Emeh	255	
EqpcInC04	946	
EzraC1		
Hilan	423	-10.0
HilanWt	304	-7.5
Hlcnt5	7983	-9.6
Ikrit	1544	-1.2
IDLCs	188.00	-0.5
JoelC1	172.50	-9.5
JoelC1A	171.00	-1.3
Kardan1	469	-2.0
KardanS2		
Klal	491	-5.6
Magen1	2192	-4.5
Magen5	2106	-5.6
Mofet	888	-4.6
OptSC1	1220.00	-0.4
OptW1	4575	-10.0
Ofer	14966	
Pasod1	1249	-10.0
Rim1	532	-10.0
Rim4	615	-10.0
TAT1	444	-4.9
UniBnk1	1350	-0.5
UniBnk5	373	-7.8
Vardgr1	894	-5.0
Vulcan	203	-10.2
VulcanC	161.50	
WarrsInsn	16081	-8.3
WarrsWt3	7454	-15.9
YkongC2	2365	-0.5
ZivNet	314	-5.2
Zivit1	1593	-3.3
Zivit3	1453	-4.7
Zivit1	2365	
Zivit5	4078	-2.0
ZivnCpb1	1088	-5.0
Zivnbnkl	544	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
acrolehr	251	
ashdi	392	1.0
Bayfad	683	-0.3
Bayfadwn	80000	2.0
y.sdeng	209	-2.3
Alonr	1798	-4.8
AlonC		
AlonWt1	492	-11.2
Amtzion	2652	-4.9
Amtzia Cr	168.50	0.3
Ariadam1	1170	-2.3
Asera	2950	-4.0
AsdaCd	182.50	-1.1
AsdaWt2	1011	-3.3
Asuza	1125	-1.9
AsuzaCr	240	
AzorgrC1	2951	0.8
AzorProp	1572	-2.5
Bayrav7	1460	-5.0
Bayside5	31937	-5.0
BaysidC1	32057	-1.8
BeitAlpfar	3095	-5.0
BeitYaKovW1	781	-21.2
BeitYitarC	82.00	
BldgRes	4250	-3.0
Dolphar	1708	-10.0
DorGyar	1837	-4.0
DorkYvarC	180.00	-2.1
Dorsa1	213	-4.8
Dunlar	6088	
DunlarCw	410	
Elngal	281	-1.0
GdcHous	2980	
GldHousC	188.50	
Ispro	2454	-4.2
Isrotas	1968	1.0
IsrotasC	214	-1.8
IsrotasW		
IsrasC1	195.00	
Isrsup5	6048	-2.0
Isrsup1	5955	
KPS	22800	-5.0
Leyduar1	232	-5.1
Jordan	469	-10.5
LandCn1	108.50	
LandCn5	291	-9.9
LibraS	164.00	-5.4
Lusin1	4022	-8.0
MatBuCo2	112.50	0.9
MatBur1	915	5.3
MatLandC	266	-0.4
MatLandC2	83.00	3.5
MatLandW3	351	-4.0
Minotv	6985	-1.0
Mishmar	323	-0.3
MTM	2894	-3.0
NeotAviv	1498	-5.0
NeotDv	7732	1.5
RedSea	888	-0.2
RogovIn1L	1176	
RogovIn5	1113	-4.6
Rotem	837	-7.3
RshanHal		
Shikun	290	14.6
Shufersl	578	-2.0
Tashuv	837	4.2

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Isras	1251	
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Kardan1	469	-2.0
KardanS2		
Klal	491	-5.6
Magen1	2192	-4.5
Magen5	2106	-5.6
Mofet	888	-4.6
OptSC1	1220.00	-0.4
OptW1	4575	-10.0
Ofer	14966	
Pasod1	1249	-10.0
Rim1	532	-10.0
Rim4	615	-10.0

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	276	-5.2
elcamcp	1784	-3.5
Itrco	488	-5.1
mdlog	492	
wagar	358	
yakobcast	358	
AdamaC	126.00	-1.2
AdMedC		
AdamaC2	13.80	
Alliance	1280	-10.0
Alony	273	-3.9
AlonyW1		
Alumit1L	13829	-1.5
Angel	11117	
Argaman	536	
AryCl	92.00	
Ashgrt	1367	-5.8
AshrgSyc1	170.00	-1.1
AshrgWt2	1110	-15.3
AshrsWt1		
Ashtrom	410	-4.2
Atzmon	401	-10.1
AtzmonWt1	190.50	-15.6
Azrieli	478	-5.0
Balkom	468	-5.3
BrudcoC1	190.00	-5.5
Cadim Cl2	280	-1.1
CadimC2	123.00	0.4
CadimW2	428	-2.9
Carmlite	1139	
Carpet	1508	-5.5
Casbo	1543	-9.3
Cimm	597	-1.9
ClalSpC	2249	-9.5
ClalSrb1	2250	-3.3
Clinl Cl	180.00	
CyclonwW	4245	-10.0
Cyclonw1	10000	-10.1
Cyclonw8	8000	
CyclonC1	157.50	0.3
CyclonC2	135.50	
DblronC	178.00	-
DelronW2	1948	
Delron1	3967	
Declsion	410	-8.9
Degani1	1178	
Dis 1	1372	-3.0
Delta3	1330	
DubekB	10854	-4.7
DubekR	10835	-4.7
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.99	
Eagle1	82.00	
Edgar	364	
ElbitCl2	197.50	
ElbitnTec	76.00	
ElbitW1	11865	
Elcolnd	5101	-2.0
Elcotex	836	-2.0
ElronW1	34.10	-24.3
Elzr 0.5	6831	-1.7
ElzurG4	311	-1.3
ElscC	885	-1.1
EmdRtnc	243	-2.5
Epsot	3378	-5.3
Fantz5	2085	
Fant0.1	2168	
FeuchtW1	5758	-2.0
FeuchtW5	5271	-2.0
Fox J	289	-5.9
FrutarC1	391	
FrutarC2	173.00	-1.4
GiborC1	82.00	
Gibrltelb	491	
GiborW2	682	-0.5
Golan	935	
Hamasit	3375	-2.0
HashofC1	408	-5.9
HashofS	186.00	-5.1
Hod	394	-5.9
Holit	157.00	-7.9
IsrCam1	2784	-3.3
Isr-tex	769	-0.5
Kadoorie1	337	-7.9
Kelem	5566	-4.0
KelilonC2	173.00	-1.7
Kesev	475	-3.5
KlaseC1	136.00	0.4
KlaseW1		
Klil	2420	-5.0
Klils	2958	-5.0
Lipsk	2350	-5.0
Lodzle1	1468	-5.0
Lodzle4	1127	-5.0
LuboeGal	300	-1.0
MacPell	223	-2.3
Magnes	410	-3.3
Maxlmal1	1365	-5.0
Maxlnv5	1355	-1.0
Mel Eden	882	-2.0
Mordgal	1008	-2.2
MorsKlin1	384	-4.3
MosekG5	384	-3.0
NagGaram	384	-5.4
Nahsolt1	1330	-5.0
Nahsolt5	701	-10.5
Nirlot	1247	-1.0
NewotelW1		
Nicr1	1988	
NMC	495	-5.0
Oils	1124	-5.5
Optlr	343	
Orbit1	337	-5.1
Orlite	475	-1.2
PackerW2	7000	-10.0
Pargod	1813	1.0
PazChen	507	
Pita	729	-4.2
PolgatA	416	-3.0
PolgatC1	178.50	0.3
Polygon	738	-5.3
PolygonC	176.50	
PtCl	774	-5.3
Rabinlac	773	-2.5
RabinlsW	294	-16.4
Sanitcrl	500	0.4
Sasol	1271	-1.0
Sensr5	1231	-2.5
Selen	836	
Shamen	10999	-2.5
Spcmx	348	-4.9
Sted	173.00	-4.9
Suntrust	10000	-4.8
Tad	47521	-5.0
Tadiran	1084	-4.0
TadiC		
Telen	1011	-2.0
Tiv	787	
Tobias1	388	
Topper	312	-1.0
TATCl	194.00	-2.0
SahasDev	2571	-2.0
Securite	2935	-3.0
SecuresC	126.50	
SecuresW	782	
SAPANHASP	988	-8.0
TeyeC	274	-2.8
TzurCl	181.00	
TzurSHrw	95.00	
Unitop	6943	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	7891	

PARALLEL LIST Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
atlantil	703	
erlde	854	1.3
gltwk	834	
kdcns.	305	-4.2
kelberia	811	
mivtashs	979	1.8
mveya	2754	-2.0
rachsshl	984	-0.9
sin	588	
AlonWt1	1184	-8.0
Consor	988	-2.5
Delta1	4.10	-4.7
Dsnal	1340	-2.9
Dsts	1286	
Elbtech	873	-7.8
Greenbrg	894	-4.3
ILOCHOT	497	
Kind	943	
Kopel	319	
KopelCl	159.00	
MZPK	475	-8.1
Nkuri1	317	-4.4
Regency Ho	194.00	-2.5
TransLite	1377	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a.dori	949	-10.1
alonbetz	104.00	
granddor	871	-1.9
gandor	954	
Adler	947	-0.8
Bar—Tzvi	1756	-4.0
Clalcmtn1	9118	-10.0
Derby	4922	
Gazit	979	-0.7
GazitWt	478	-5.0
GnaCt1	806	0.7
Lesnton	235	-5.9
Lwnstn1	7500	
Mellenn	1015	
Oz	354	-1.2
Reeco	2830	
Scandia	358	
ScandiaC	126.50	
UnicomGt	114.50	
Unicom1	134.50	-2.9
Unicom5	122.00	-2.4
UnicorW3	84.00	-17.9

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
abocdiags	199	-7.2
bedcdiagn	351	
ilpman	1888	-2.9
maarivtst	539	
elsco	1747	-3.0
physion	288	-1.5
rekhsrt	2844	
tschem	515	-0.3
tolmaser	1002	2.2
vlemkrk	170.50	
zinmetal	1274	-4.5
Adumim1	294	
Baruch1	2002	-0.2
Baruch5	894	-10.0
Brosh1	411	
Dedor	1752	10.0
Elsm	209	
Ool	136.50	-2.1
King1	707	-10.1
Lishkit1	3645	-5.0
ManCl	123.00	
Mast1	468	0.5
MLT	1529	-1.9
Neca	33848	-1.5
NecaS1	827	
Oholish	774	-2.0
Orazil	444	-8.9
OrazSC	103.50	-1.0
OrdaPmt	2109	-5.3
Polskt1	595	-10.0
Shadot	185.00	
Tasse	1004	-2.2
TibnWt1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbon1	2484	-0.8
Idac	770	-3.0
masshon	74.00	-0.7
Alon	1824	-7.7
Binyan	106566	-10.0
Elchan	2328	-5.6
Mlaga	123.50	-4.9
MivtaG1		
Opttrus	978	-3.1
Regavt	318	-3.1
Yhsum	1830.50	-1.8

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DelOEx1	3071	-7.2
Naphtha	41.40	-9.8

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	% Change	Volume Shares	MORNING Price	% Change	Volume Shares
buildpr	656	-2.5	14400	680	-1.9	43520
nacional	1497	-3.0	61600	1486	-5.0	25512
Abjac	34.1	-8.0	600000	33.5	-8.7	907430
Ackerin	571	-1.5	54000	583	-2.9	79775
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0	424485	0.7	212	421305		141
Afrisr	406449	2.0	244	398479		157
Agan	4212	-0.5	800	4222	-0.3	2080
Agis	2256	3.7	44000	2239	3.0	17225
Aryt	579	-6.7	37800	588	-8.5	12739
Avner	8.1	-10.0	120000	8.1	-10.0	512398
Azorim	4189	-1.7	13600	4179	-2.0	28119
ALPM	13951	0.2	1560	13916		2943
Bezek	540	-1.0	420000	534	-2.0	183906
Boulo	263	-4.5	11000	261	-5.1	25578
Cables	1647	-0.2	2000	1651		4837
Clal Ele	31375	-2.0	3285	31895	-1.0	1427
Clal Tra	1071	2.0	75000	1050		35463
Clal 10	8850	-0.5	15480	8872	-0.2	2437
Clalins	1448	-1.0	21600	1445	-1.2	19832
Cldstr 5	2175	-3.0	3000	2175	-3.0	13714
Clinds	1869		48400	1874	0.3	23853
CohenDev	753	-8.0	15000	755	-7.7	31278
Denber 5	2268	-1.7	2100	2277	-1.3	3250
Dead Sea	1238	0.7	46500	1227		24162
Delek	8090	1.2	2800	7990		3877
Discinv	23236	2.7	23380	22614		4240
Elbit	23027	-2.7	8890	23441	-1.0	4019
Elco	9057	-0.5	9820	9057	-0.5	2441
Elite 5	1548	2.7	71000	1511	0.3	17043
Elron	9601	-2.2	5550	9626	-2.0	2489
Evergr n	2551	-1.5	19000	2584	-1.0	12251
Export	1610		2400	1610		5899
Fibi	43095		1050	43095		411
Formula	1372	1.2	20000	1355		18984
Frstintl1	33601	-	1550	33601		1645
Frstintl5	31128	-1.0	550	31442		930
Frutarom	994	-3.0	52000	1005	-2.0	27665
Gahelet	6101	-2.0	2000	6118	-1.8	2998
Granit	500	-0.5	21000	502	-0.2	18527
Hapoalm	422	2.0	435000	414		187485
Hapoln	9004	0.7	7800	8937		7880
IndBldg	408		276000	405	-0.2	94990
IndDevBK	31683	-0.5	400	31842		525
Isramco	13.4	-6.7	15330000	14.4		5379510
IsrCorp1	23947	-1.0	3880	23947	-1.0	1828
IsrCorp5	23062	-1.0	2600	23179	-0.5	905
IsChem	245	1.5	1022000	241		264467
IDB	1097	-0.5	195000	1103		63555
IDBDev	61683	-0.5	500	61993		1012
ILDC	1313	-2.0	50409	1327	-1.0	26340
JEC	1261	-2.0	82800	1271	-1.2	35525
JOEL	208	0.5	619000	205		259191
Kardan5	471	-1.7	57000	469	-2.1	55809
Kitan	1088	-1.0	105500	1080	-1.7	33202
Koor	23832	-0.2	9525	23713	-0.7	8161
Leumi	321	1.7	580000	315		91307
Lifshtz1	234	-2.7	6000	235	-2.5	66314
Makhteshi	1576	0.5	37000	1584	-0.3	29685
Malibu5	898	3.0	36000	872		24032
Maman	848	1.7	120000	833		59693
Marit1	2634	-3.0	18000	2674	-1.5	19284
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Late Portsmouth goal adds to Everton's woes

LONDON (Reuter) – A late goal by Portsmouth's Paul Hall sent Premier League Everton tumbling out of the English League Cup yesterday and heaped more pressure on manager Mike Walker.

Hall's 88th minute strike earned first division Portsmouth a 1-1 draw in the home leg of their second round tie and a 4-3 aggregate triumph.

Everton, without a win in the Premier League this season, must have thought their fortunes were taking a turn for the better when Dave Watson put them ahead in the 17th minute to level the aggregate score at 3-3.

But the goal failed to knock the heart out of a spirited Portsmouth side.

Two other Premier League sides, Leicester and Ipswich, also failed to negotiate the second round.

Second division Brighton had Jimmy Case sent off after 87 minutes for a second bookable offense but by then were home and dry against Leicester.

Goals by Stuart Munday after 16 minutes and Kurt Nogan six minutes from time earned them a 2-0 away win and a 3-0 aggregate triumph.

Ipswich, already 3-0 down after the home leg of their tie against Bolton, again failed to break down their first division opponents' defense.

In Tuesday's action, Leeds was knocked out by 10-man Mansfield of the third division.

Leeds, 1-0 down after the first leg of the second round tie, could not crack a Mansfield defense beaten nine times in their last six third division matches as the second leg in Mansfield ended goalless.

League Cup (2nd round, 2nd leg) yesterday's results: Arsenal 2, Hartlepool 0 (Arsenal advances on 7-0 aggregate); Barnsley 0, Newcastle 1 (Newcastle 3-1); Bolton 1, Ipswich 0 (Bolton 4-0); Burnley 1, Liverpool 4 (Liverpool 6-1); Coventry 3, Wrexham 1 (Coventry 5-2); Leicester 0, Brighton 2 (Brighton 3-0); Manchester City 4, Barnet 1 (Manchester City 4-2); Manchester United 2, Port Vale 0 (Man Utd 4-1); Portsmouth 1, Everton 1 (Portsmouth 4-3); Queens Park Rangers 2, Carlisle 0 (QPR 3-0); Southampton 4, Huddersfield 0 (Southampton 5-0); Torquay 0, Wimbledon 1 (Wimbledon 3-0); West Ham 2, Walsall 0 (after extra time; scored after 90 minutes 1-0; West Ham 3-2); Wigan 0, Aston Villa 3 (Aston Villa 8-0).

Tuesday's results: Birmingham 1, Blackburn 1 (Blackburn 3-1); Bournemouth 0, Chelsea 1 (Chelsea 2-0); Bradford 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Sheffield Wednesday 3-2); Crystal Palace 3, Lincoln 0 (After extra time; score after 90 minutes 1-0; Crystal Palace 3-1); Hereford 0, Nottingham Forest 0 (Nottingham Forest 2-1); Mansfield 0, Leeds 0 (Mansfield 1-0); Oldham 1, Oxford United 0 (Oldham 2-1); Sunderland 1, Millwall 1 (Millwall 3-2); Swansea 1, Norwich 0 (Norwich 3-1); Tottenham 2, Watford 3 (Tottenham 8-6).



BOTTOM LINE – Mick Barnby of Tottenham Hotspur (foreground) tumbles to the ground during a clash with Watford's Colin Foster. (Reuter)

Eilat, Rishon Lezion advance in Korac Cup; Herzliya crashes out

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Eilat and Maccabi Rishon Lezion last night advanced to the third round of the Korac Cup.

The Eilatis beat Belgium's Sunair Ostend 73-65 in the second round, second leg after winning the first-leg last week, 69-66; and Rishon enjoyed a 22-point win over Slovenia's Maribor, 95-73, to erase their first leg 85-91 loss.

Bnei Herzliya, however, failed by one point to make the third round. They lost the first leg by 13 points to USK Prague (82-95), and last night won only by 12 (93-81).

All last night's games were played in Israel. Hapoel Galil Elyon was to have played Slovenia's Koper Slovenica at Kfar Blum, but the visitors announced yesterday they could not make the journey due to financial reasons.

European basketball's governing body, FIBA, intervened and ordered the Slovenians to travel here or face stiff penalties. As a result, the Slovenians were due to arrive late last night, with the match scheduled for 10:00 this morning at Kfar Blum.

Galil won the first-leg match in Europe, 89-81.

Eilat 73, Sunair Ostend 65

Most of the fast-moving first half was a see-saw battle, with the lead constantly changing hands. Shortly before halftime, Eilat spurted ahead to 44-33 and never looked back.

Much of Eilat's strength lay in the sharp-shooting of Andrew Kennedy and Ari Rosenberg each of whom finished with 21.

Rishon Lezion 95, Maribor 73

Rishon had six points to make up, and at the start, they looked like they were not going to make it. Their hustling opponents took advantage of general lax defense to score relentlessly from the outside.

After 15 minutes, Rishon was trailing 30-24. The turning point came when Rishon coach Moshe Weinkranz replaced playmaker Tomer Karni with Fabian Lipperman. The tough former Maccabi Rehovot player infused new spirit in the team and they sped away to a 44-41 halftime lead.

They continued to dominate after the break, although disaster struck midway through the second half when James Gully had to be hospitalized with a suspected fractured shoulder.

Nevertheless, American Gerald Paddio continued to plug away, aided by benchwarmers Lipperman, Kobi Balul and Danny Gott.

Bnei Herzliya 93, USK Prague 81

Herzliya opened well and both John Hudson and Paul Thompson seemed to have recovered from the head injuries sustained in Sunday's collision.

The home team was up 59-42 at halftime and looked on the way to achieving their goal of a 13-point victory.

However, the Israelis' defense faltered in the second half and both Hudson and Thompson tired considerably, leaving gaping holes under the boards. Still, Herzliya came close. With eight seconds left they were up by 12 (93-81), but Desi Baremore lost the ball and the Czechs ran out the clock.

Hapoel Tel Aviv to face PAOK Saloniki tonight

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Tel Aviv goes into what could be the most important game of its season tonight, a road game against Greece's PAOK Saloniki in the second leg of the final preliminary round of basketball's European Club Championships.

Hapoel won the first leg at Ussishkin last week by 12 points (82-70) and needs a win or a loss of less than 13 points to take the overall round. The winning team goes forward to the best-of-16 contest with the loser relegated to the lesser European Cup competition. Hapoel has never played in the best-of-16 round.

The Israelis' impressive victory last week surprised even their own fans, let alone the visiting Greeks. Nevertheless, 12 points is not a great advantage to take to the frighteningly partisan stadium at Saloniki, where the fans hurl coins and are not above shouting anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish slogans to rattle their guests.

To add to their woes, Hapoel lost by 28 points to Maccabi Rishon Lezion in the league on Monday.

At Yad Eliyahu, Maccabi Tel Aviv should have a relatively easy ride against Switzerland's Bellinzona in the same contest. Maccabi last week beat the Swiss champions 55-49 and need to either win or lose by less than seven points to advance.

At press time, it was still unclear whether the Hapoel game will be shown live on Cable TV. At last report, Greek TV was asking an exorbitant broadcast rights fee. The Maccabi/Bellinzona game will be shown live on Channel One at 20:30.

Video replays for soccer under study

ZURICH (Reuter) – The controversial idea of using video evidence to challenge refereeing decisions is to be studied by soccer's law-making body, the International Football Association Board.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said in an editorial in the monthly FIFA newsletter yesterday that the Board would examine the subject at its next meeting in March.

FIFA allowed the use of video evidence in disciplinary cases for the first time in this year's World Cup finals but would not permit its use to challenge match officials' decisions during games.

Blatter indicated FIFA would be unlikely to support any extension of its use. "By introducing so-called video judgments, FIFA has started to tread potentially explosive ground," he wrote.

"The growing trend to undermine the referee's authority by referring to television recordings is a source of concern to the Board. Whether video judgments that go further than FIFA is prepared to allow really help football is a moot point."

In one of the most controversial incidents at the World Cup finals, Italian defender Mauro Tassotti was banned for eight matches for elbowing Spain's Luis Enrique in the face after TV film was studied of an incident neither seen nor sanctioned by the referee.

In another ruling, Nigerian midfielder Sunday Oliseh had a yellow card canceled after video replays showed it was a case of mistaken identity.

Blatter said taking video evidence further posed more questions than it could solve.

Video often failed to offer conclusive proof in penalty controversies, he argued, and advocates of its use overlooked the fact that if any of the referee's decisions could be challenged, all would have to come under the camera's scrutiny, even mundane throw-ins.

NBA labor woes go on

NEW YORK (AP) – When the NBA's Board of Governors started its meeting yesterday, the main topic of interest was the league's labor situation.

Although owners will decide on a raft of items, commissioner David Stern's report on collective bargaining is the most urgent business facing the group.

The NBA's labor deal with the players expired last season, no talks have been held since July 11 and the season starts November 4.

With the baseball season canceled because of a strike and hockey players locked out, talk of an NBA lockout is hot and heavy.

But with the NBA and its players far apart on several major issues, can pro basketball do any better than baseball and hockey in the labor department?

"I feel optimistic," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "I still think the track record between the union and management has been good. I don't have any reason to think that won't continue."

Just as in baseball and hockey, however, what the owners want and what the players want are two very different things.

The players' union wants to eliminate the salary cap, restrictions on free agency and the college draft and get a larger share of revenues.

The owners want to close loopholes in current salary cap, such as contract clauses that allow players to become restricted free agents after one year and balloon payments at the end of a contract. The league also would like to see restrictions on rookie salaries, and it insists on continuing the draft.

The players' association has challenged the legality of the cap, draft and right of first refusal for free agency, alleging antitrust violations. The players lost a court decision in July, but appealed and are awaiting a ruling before returning to the bargaining table.

While no resolution of the labor situation will come out of the owners' meeting, several rule changes will.

To beef up scoring and unclog the lane, the 3-point line would be moved to a uniform 22-foot arc. Currently, the arc extends from 22 feet in the corners to 23'9" at the top of the key.

Players fouled on a 3-pointer would get three free throws.

The owners also are expected to adopt a rule requiring any player who commits two flagrant fouls in a game to be ejected. In another move to reduce fighting, any player leaving the bench during an altercation would be subject to a minimum one-game suspension and fined a maximum of $20,000.

NHL makes new offer

NEW YORK (AP) – NHL owners made a new proposal to the union Tuesday even as they toughened their negotiating stance by telling injured players they won't be paid during the work stoppage.

After a 6½-hour bargaining session, the first since owners postponed the start of the season two weeks until October 15, union head Bob Goodenow declined to elaborate on the plan or even say whether it constituted progress.

"No one should read anything negatively or positively into that," he said.

"We made a proposal and they are studying it," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

A source familiar with the proposal said the owners continued to ask for a payroll tax that would go as high as 125 percent for money that teams spent on players above the league average.

Owners were at the bargaining table for the first time since talks began early this year.

Negotiations were scheduled for yesterday in New York.

Representing the players Tuesday were Mike Gartner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, president of the NHL Players Association, and Kelly Miller of the Washington Capitals.

The management representatives included Pittsburgh Penguins owner Howard Baldwin, New Jersey Devils owner John McMullen, Boston Bruins general manager Harry Sinden and Montreal Canadiens president Ron Corey.

Teams originally were going to pay players who were injured during training camp, but they reversed course Tuesday. The NHL did direct teams to pay signing bonuses, such as the $4.5 million due Wayne Gretzky from the Los Angeles Kings.

Regular salaries are not being paid to players during the shutdown.

Teams were instructed to withhold payments until October 15. Players are routinely paid on the first and 15th of each month.

Meanwhile, teams continue to make player transactions.

On Monday, Toronto traded Chris Snell, last season's top defenseman in the American Hockey League, to Los Angeles for right wing Dixon Ward. The Kings also received left wing Eric Lacroix and a 1996 fourth-round draft pick for center Guy Leveque and unsigned draft choices Shayne Toporowski, a right wing, and Kelly Fairchild, a center.

On Saturday, the New York Islanders signed first-round draft choice Brett Lindros to a multi-year contract that may be worth as much as $5m.

Baseball owners want to delay signing season

NEW YORK (AP) – Major League baseball owners want a 45-day delay in the start of the signing season, which would push back the start of free agent filing until November 30.

With the sides still operating under the labor agreement that expired December 31, free agent filing is set to start October 15. Management's proposal would put a freeze on player signings until after the 45 days.

"The idea is to stop the train before it leaves the station," management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said Tuesday, the day expanded playoffs were to have begun. "We don't want to create two different classes of players who signed under two different economic systems. I think it's a constructive step because it allows people to concentrate on the principal issue – resolving the dispute."

Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, said staffs of both sides were scheduled to meet yesterday to talk about the idea, which O'Connor presented Monday to union head Donald Fehr.

"It is obvious there are a lot of aspects to this proposal that they have not explored," Orza said.

Under the current system, free-agent filing begins either the day after the World Series or October 15, whichever is later. About 170 players are eligible for free agency, but the total may decrease as clubs exercise 1995 options.

The Major League Baseball Players Association has said it believes owners will attempt to impose their salary-cap proposal sometime between now and December 20, the last date to offer initial contracts for 1995. If the owners put a salary cap in place without an agreement, players predict the strike, which began August 12, will continue next spring.

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said Tuesday he will be ready to meet soon with baseball owners.

The 61-year-old Maine Democrat said several owners have either met with him or spoken with him in the last year and a half about the commissioner's job, which has been vacant since Fay Vincent's forced resignation in September 1992.

Owners said in January they have no intention to hire a commissioner until a new labor agreement is firmly in place.

Aussie's Slater opens with brilliant century

RAWALPINDI (AP) – Inspired by Michael Slater's brilliant century, Australia batted an imposing 305 for three wickets at stumps yesterday, the opening day of the second cricket Test against Pakistan.

The 24-year old Slater, together with skipper Mark Taylor, gave the Australians their first century partnership for the opening wicket in 16 games in Pakistan and set the stage for a fine day's batting.

Australia continued to consolidate its position as the fourth wicket pair added an undefeated 107 runs, through Mark Waugh, who scored an unbeaten 61 and Michael Bevan (52 n.o.).

"I would put this down as one of my best innings when you consider Pakistan's attack," said Slater after completing his third century in his 17th Test.

On reaching his half century, Slater cut loose as he scored the second 50 in a quick 79 minutes off 62 balls. He raced to his century, back cutting leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmad for three runs, in 209 minutes off 137 balls.

Slater, dropped on two, was finally out to a casual shot, hitting a catch to Inzamam-ul Haq at first slip off Mohsin Kamal for 110 runs. Slater scored his 110 runs in 250 minutes off 155 balls hitting 14 boundaries.

The pair shared a new first wicket record – 176 runs, beating the previous best of 134 between Ian Davis and Alan Turner in Melbourne in 1976-77.

Taylor shrugged off his poor form in the first Test in Karachi, where he bagged a pair and scored a quiet 69, before falling to a questionable leg before wicket decision by Pakistan umpire, Mehboob Shah.

Pakistan is now without its champion fast bowler Wasim Akram, who suffered a muscle spasm after three quick wickets in the space of 22 runs. It's unclear if Akram will be fit for play today.

Kamal, returning to the Pakistan side after a seven-year absence, accounted for the openers and looked like the only bowler to trouble the Australians.

First Test centurian David Boon lasted just two deliveries when Ahmad bowled him with a googly.

China's women weightlifting coach: 'Sour grapes' to drug charges

HIROSHIMA (AP) – Six world records in three days. How do China's women weightlifters do it?

Training, a system for spotting talented hard workers and a good dose of Chinese discipline – it's definitely nothing to do with drugs, say Chinese officials.

Zhang Xiaoli's world record 237.5-kilogram total in the 83-kg class yesterday completed China's gold medal sweep in all nine women's weightlifting events at the Asian Games.

Zhang's record broke the 230-kg mark set last year by Taiwan's Chen Shu-chih and brought to six the number of weightlifting world records that China's women have broken since Monday.

The Chinese women also were in record-breaking form during the World Championships in Melbourne last November. Then, many coaches and lifters from rival teams believed China's domination of the sport could only be drug-fueled.

But Dai Guangyu, a former Chinese weightlifter who now coaches, says the allegations are nothing more than sour grapes.

He says China is successful because it began training women weightlifters as early as 1984, when other traditionally strong lifting nations viewed the women's competition as nothing more than a fad. Because China's record-breakers are often picked from low-income, rural areas, they also are ready to work much harder for success than their more-pampered rivals abroad, he said.

"The Chinese people, especially the women, can really eat bitterness, this is the difference from the West," he said. "Western girls concern themselves with looking beautiful, thin and whatnot, but the Chinese don't worry about these things."

Gao Wenyuan, vice director of China's National Research Institute of Sports Science, said weightlifting's governing body twice conducted surprise dope tests on the Chinese national team last year and in 1992, and twice declared the Chinese drug-free.

This year, the International Weightlifting Federation again conducted surprise tests on the team in September, including nearly all the Chinese men and three of the Chinese women who are attending the Asian Games, Gao said. Eight other women who are slated to attend the World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey, later this year, also were tested, he said.

"People always make remarks about you when you are the strongest," he said.

Dai, who helps train weightlifters in the east port city of Shanghai, said the IWF gave them two days to get to Beijing for the test in September.

Oval stadium for '98 World Cup

PARIS (Reuter) – French prime minister Edouard Balladur selected an ultra-modern, oval-shaped design yesterday for an 80,000 all-seater stadium on the outskirts of Paris to stage the 1998 World Cup final.

Balladur's decision cleared the way for building to start on the project at St Denis, just north of the French capital.

The most spectacular feature of the stadium, which will cost 2 billion francs ($350 million), is a huge Saturn ring-shaped canvas roof covering the stands, supported by 20 mast-like pillars, each 49 meters high.

The futuristic stadium, which will be used both for soccer and rugby after the World Cup, can also be used for track and field.

Venus Williams, 14, to turn tennis pro

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) – Against her father's wishes, but with his consent, 14-year-old Venus Williams is going to become a professional tennis player.

The teenager will compete in the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California, an indoor tournament beginning October 31.

"She knows I think she would be better off waiting until she is 16," Richard Williams said.

Many believe the troubles of Jennifer Capriati, who has completed drug rehabilitation and plans to return to professional tennis soon, began when she turned pro before her 14th birthday.

Six months ago, she had asked to debut at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles, held in August. At first, her father consented – only if she maintained her A average in home studies, which she did.

But two weeks before the tournament, Richard Williams changed his mind.

Williams hasn't played any tournaments since she was 11. Her father has kept her and younger sister Serena, also a highly regarded player, from them. He believes such play would be counterproductive.

Age-qualification changes recently approved by the WTA Tour mean Williams will be able to play a limited number of tournaments.

"Every parent starts off like this, saying we'll do one or two or no more than three tournaments. And you end up doing much more than that."

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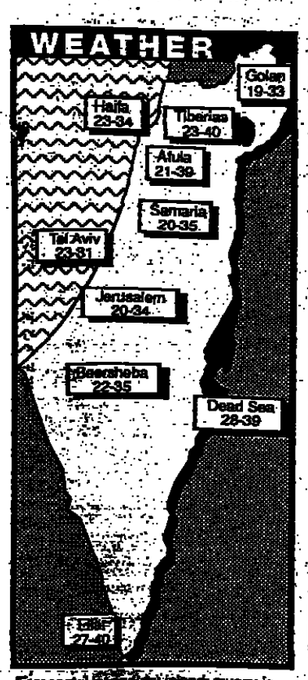
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Chicago	26	79	16	61	cloudy
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Jerusalem	28	82	16	61	cloudy
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Jerusalem: Center Pharm, 20 Yad Harutzim, 731475; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dtt Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.

Tel Aviv: Lev Ha'ir, 69 Ahad Ha'am, 5603862; Kupat Holim Clalit, 7-9 Amsterdam, 5232383. Till 3 a.m. Friday: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 5223535. Till midnight: Superpharm Ramat Aviv, 40 Einstein, 6413730.

Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Shor-Tabachnik, 3 Nativ Ha'avot, Kfar Sava, 425850.

Netanya: Trufa, 2 Herzl, 828656.

Kiryat area: Harman, 4 Simtat Modi'in, Kiryat Motzkin, 707770/3.

Haifa: Hanassi Denya, 99 Abba Khoushy, 341113.

Herzliya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.

Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (internal, ENT); Shaare Zedek (surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics); Hadassah Ein Kerem (pediatrics, ophthalmology). In case of heart attack, attempted resuscitation, snake bite or scorpion sting, go immediately to nearest hospital.

Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (surgery).

Netanya: Laniado.

POLICE 100

FIRST AID 101

Magen David Adom

In emergencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

Akdodot* 551333	Karmiel* 988555
Ashkelon 551332	Kfar Sava* 902222
Bat Yam* 5511111	Kiron 9311111
Beersheba* 274767	K. Shmona* 944334
Beit Shemesh 523133	Nahariya* 912333
Dan Region* 5793333	Netanya* 623333
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Haifa* 512233	Rishon* 9642333
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Holon* 5511111	Tel Aviv* 5460111
Jerusalem* 523133	Tiberias* 790111

* Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area, around the clock.

Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110

Eran — Emotional First Aid. Jerusalem 810303, Tel Aviv 5461111 (children/youth 6091113); Haifa 672222, Beersheba 281128, Netanya 625110, Karmiel 9988410, Kfar Sava 974555, Hadera 346789.

Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449191 (men), Jerusalem 974455, Haifa 650111, Eilat 31977.

The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

Emergency dental clinic (24 hours) 02-632303.

Emergency dental clinic (24 hours inc. holidays) 03-6968840, 050-318777.

FIRE 102

FLIGHTS

24 Hours Flight Information Service: Arrivals only, 03-9731111 (Hebrew), 03-9731122 (English).

CRITIC'S CHOICE

FILM

HELEN KAYE

GERMAN comedy seems almost a contradiction in terms. Nevertheless, in cooperation with the Goethe Institute, all three cinematheques are presenting a series of contemporary German comedies. Seven young filmmakers from the former German Democratic Republic take a sharp look at the new Germany after its 1989 unification. The subject matter ranges from a family vacation in the 1990 *Go, Trabi, Go*, to a judicial scam with a Nazi past in the 1993 *Whoever Lies Twice*. Check your local Cinematheque for film and time.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

THE annual migration to the center of Acre Festival plays has begun with performances of the festival hit *That Bitch Heidi (Heidi Bat Zona)*, written and and directed by Ayelet Ron. This satirical comedy sticks pins into all the lies they ever told us about "happily ever after." Sweet little Heidi has grown up and left Grandfather and the mountain. Tonight and Saturday at ZOA House in Tel Aviv at 9 p.m. (Hebrew)

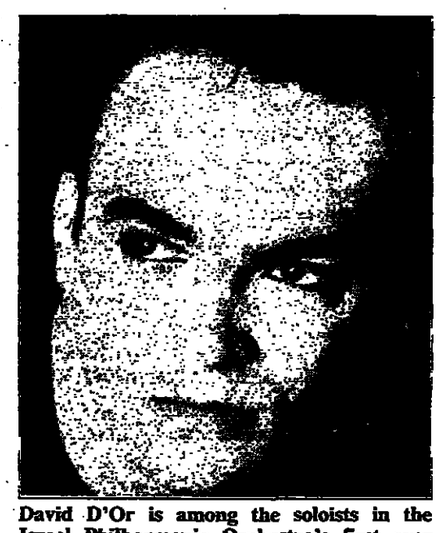
Street performer Reuven Hanna galvanized the Acre Festival in purple chiffon and fake pearls. He's camp, funny and a declared homosexual. He changes his show according to his audience. In Acre he was Dr. Aliza promising to rid the crowd of its hangups. He may not have budged the anxieties, but he sure got laughs. He'll do his act *To Be or Not To Be (a Homo?)* at the Tzavta in Haifa on Saturday night at 9 p.m. (Hebrew and English).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Philharmonic Orchestra opens its season Saturday (8:30) at the Haifa Auditorium with maestro Zubin Mehta, its music director for life, back on the podium after a one year sabbatical. Extraordinary Russian pianist Evgeny Kissin plays Rachmaninov's third piano concerto and Mehta leads the orchestra, the exceptional Prague Philharmonic Choir and singers Silvia Greenberg, David D'Or and Boris Trajanov in the IPO's first ever performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Further concerts of this program at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv are next Sunday and Monday and October 13 and 16.

The Light Classics series of the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba opens with a Mozart evening conducted by Israel Idelsohn and featuring flutist Eyal Ein-Habar performing the second flute concerto. Also on the program are the overture to *Le Nozze di Figaro*, the 41st symphony and the Sinfonia Concertante for winds featuring the orchestra principals as soloists. Saturday and Sunday in Beersheba and Monday in Kiryat Gat. 8:30.



David D'Or is among the soloists in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's first ever performance of Orff's 'Carmina Burana.'

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Batsheva Dance Company is back home after more performances abroad performing Ohad Naharin's *Mabul* at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, Saturday through Monday (9). This is one of the company's more impressive calling cards these days and no doubt Naharin's best work for the company he leads with energetic artistic vision. A taut, tense and electrifying work.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THE good news is that *Northern Exposure* is back on Channel 1 tonight. The bad news is that it's scheduled for 11:35 p.m. When last broadcast, the once-whimsical, wordy comedy about life in a backwater Alaska town had drifted into oftenponderous explorations of its characters' inner lives, but the show is still one of the best on the air. Will Dr. Fleishman and O'Connell finally realize that they're meant for each other? Stay tuned.

British director Mike Leigh brings his own special deadpan comic sensibility to issues of class and personal expectations, especially as a factor of the Thatcher era. Tonight starting at 10, Second Showing will broadcast two of his films, the short parody *A Sense of History*, followed at 10:30 by *Bleak Moments*, a bittersweet comedy about two sisters – one bright and one mentally retarded.

CINEMA

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE The House on Chelouche St. 7★Little Buddha 9★Countess Dora 9:30 G.G. Gil, Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Clear and Present Danger 1, 4, 7, 10★Forrest Gump 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45★Reality Bites 1, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45★Natural Born Killers 1, 5, 7:30, 10★My Life 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30★True Lies 1, 4, 7, 9:45★The Client 1, 4:30, 7, 9:30 JERUSALEM THEATER Burnt Sun 8:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45★The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) (Hebrew dialogue) 5★Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45★Speed•When a Man Loves a Woman 4:45, 7:15, 9:45★Short Cuts 5:30, 9★A Bronx Tale 9:45★Baby's Day Out 5, 7:30★The Mask 5, 7:30, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Baby's Day Out•Speed 5, 7:30, 9:30

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 In the Name of the Father•Rouge 9:15★Beverly Hills Cop•Orlando 7:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 Clear and Present Danger•True Lies 4:15, 6:45, 9:15★Forrest Gump 4:15, 6:45, 9:15★True Romance•The Client 4:30, 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 Raining Stones 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Short Cuts 5:30, 9 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 Reality Bites•Natural Born Killers 4:30, 7, 9:30★Burnt Sun 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7, 9:15★The Mask 5, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Speed 4:30, 7, 9:30★The Lion King (English dialogue) 7, 9:30★The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5★Ace Ventura 5, 7, 9:30★When a Man Loves a Woman 4:30, 7, 9:30★Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:30, 7, 9:30★A Bronx Tale 9:30★Baby's Day Out 5, 7★The Mask 5, 7, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 When a Man Loves a Woman 4:30, 7, 9:15★Speed•The Lion King (English dialogue) 7, 9:15★The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5★Baby's Day Out 5

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RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 The Client•When a Man Loves a Woman 5, 7:15, 9:45★Four Weddings and a Funeral 5, 7:30, 9:45★Clear and Present Danger 4:45, 7:15, 9:45★Speed 9:45★True Romance 5, 7:30, 9:45★True Lies 4:30, 7, 9:45★Baby's Day Out 5, 7:15

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KARMIEL

CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 Beverly Hills Cop III•When a Man Loves a Woman 7, 9:30★The Flintstones 9:30★Baby's Day Out 7

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL Forrest Gump 4:45, 7:30, 10:15★Clear and Present Danger 4:45, 7:30, 10★Natural Born Killers 4:45, 7:15, 10★Reality Bites 5, 7:30, 10★When a Man Loves a Woman 5, 7:30, 10★True Lies 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 The Client•True Lies•Clear and Present Danger•Speed 7, 9:30★The Flintstones 4:45★Getting Even With Dad•Blank Check 4:45★True Romance 4:45, 7★The Lion King 4:45, 7★My Life 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI

HAKIRYA The Chase 7:30, 9:30 HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 580526 Speed 7:15, 9:45

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MATNAS Shadowlands 9:15★City Slickers 8

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RAV CHEN Beverly Hills Cop III•The Mask•Speed 7, 9:30

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RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV True Lies 7, 9:30

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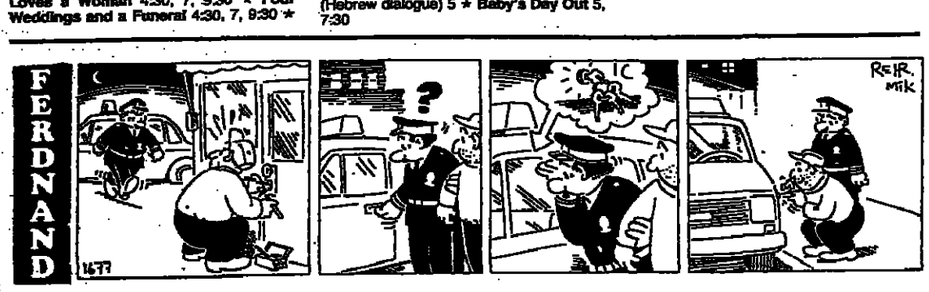
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TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Cartoon 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Family Honor – Series about the lives of three Indian families who have emigrated to London 8:30 Beginning Reading – No Secrets 8:50 Relations with Immigrants 9:25 We'll Draw and See. More 9:40 Arabic Stories 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 Art in the Western World 11:00 English: Seven in Heaven 11:25 Story and film 12:00 Science 12:20 English – Signal C.O. 12:35 Continents and Nations 12:45 Science and Technology 13:30 Keep Fit 14:05 Fables 14:15 Fairytales 14:30 Home 15:00 Ototo

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Biker Mice – cartoon 16:00 News update 16:05 Great Expectations 17:00 A New Evening 17:30 Who's Afraid of the Dark 17:55 Garfield 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Encounter – current affairs 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Mastermind – quiz show 20:00 Mabat 20:45 No details available 22:30 Culture Magazine 23:30 Late-night news 23:35 Northern Exposure

■ CHANNEL 2

14:05 White Fang 14:30 Spending – consumer magazine for youth 15:00 Brand New Life – series about a divorced woman with three children who marries a widower with three children 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Line to the News 17:30 A Matter of Time 18:00 Doogie Howser MD 18:30 At Leon's – cooking program 19:00 Home Improvement – comedy 19:30 Be a Man – game show 20:00 News 20:30 West of Here – documentary series showing reports from the popular American shows *20/20, Prime Time Live, Day One* 21:00 Ruby – talk show 22:00 Fact – Investigative program hosted by Ilana Dayan 22:30 Canaan Nights – Avihu Medina's performance at the Beit She'an amphitheater in May 1993 23:30 Close to Midnight – short films by Israeli students 00:00 News

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs 18:30 News in French 19:00 News in Hebrew 19:30 Buried Treasures 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Heart of Courage 21:10 Murder She Wrote 22:00 News in English 22:20 Feature Film

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 The 700 Club 13:55 Film: Into the Blue – Stowaway makes chaos of cruise of retired English couple on their yacht around Europe. Starring Michael Wilding, Odile Versois 15:30 Mighty Mouse 15:55 Jonny Quest 16:20 Dangermouse 16:45 Flying House 17:10 Hawaii Five-O 18:10 Rescue 911 19:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 19:30 CNN Headline News 20:00 Edison Mansion 20:30 Jake and the Fatman 21:20 Law and Order 22:10 The 700 Club 23:00 Special Programs

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Guests in the Living Room 11:00 I Love Lucy 11:30 Antonella 12:20 Murphy, Brown 12:45 Falcon Crest 13:35 Coach 14:00 Israeli Clips 14:10 Thirtysomething 15:00 Topaz 15:50 Knots Landing 16:40 Three's Company 17:05 Love Boat 17:55 Israeli Clips 18:05 One Life to Live 18:50 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Antonella 20:50 Falcon Crest 21:40 Cheers 22:10 Renegade 22:55 The Commish 23:45 Dear John 00:10 Cagney and Lacey 1:00 War of the Worlds 1:50 The Equalizer 2:40 Murder She Wrote 3:30 Remington Steele 4:20 Matt Houston

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Miles from Home (1988) (rpt) 12:30 The Great Ziegfeld (1936) (rpt) 16:00 The Addams Family (1991) (rpt) 17:45 Reilly, Ace of Spies (198) – Sam Neill stars as the mysterious double agent 19:05 Short movie 19:20 The Summer My Father Grew Up (1991) (rpt) 21:00 Heart of Justice (1993) – suspense drama about a journalist investigating a mysterious murder and suicide who uncovers an aristocratic family's dark secrets. Starring Dennis Hopper, Eric Stoltz and Vincent Price 22:30 Friday the 13th Part II (1981) – gory horror movie in which murderous zombie Jason comes back to bump off more kids at summer camp 00:00 Screen Test (1986) – comedy about teenage boys pretending to be movie directors so that they can get wannabe starlets to strip 1:25 Eve of Destruction (1991) (rpt) 3:05 Comancheros (1961) – Michael Curtiz's last film is a violent Western about a Texas Ranger. Starring John Wayne and Lee Marvin 4:55 Big Time (1988) (rpt) 6:15 Race for Glory (1989) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Cartoons 9:35 Bill and Ted 10:00 Little Devils 10:40 Teen Wolf 11:10 The Muppets 11:40 Once Upon a Time 12:20 Black Beauty 13:00 The Kids from Degrassi 13:30 Cartoons 14:05 Basket Fever 14:30 Ghostbusters 15:10 Teen Wolf 15:40 Wilderness 16:10 Saved by the Bell 16:40 Big Brother Jake 17:30 The Kids from Degrassi 18:00 Cartoons 18:35 Bill and Ted 19:00 Little Devils 19:30 Neighbors 19:55 Married with Children 20:20 The Simpsons 20:45 All in the Family 21:10 Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 A Sense of History (1992) – short parody about a count explaining his sense of responsibility for his estate. Directed by Mike Leigh 22:30 Bleak Moments (1972) – Mike Leigh directs this bittersweet comedy about an intelligent young girl in south London who shares her life with her mentally retarded sister 00:20 The Divorce of Lady X (1938) – Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon star in this pleasant comedy about a nobleman's daughter who wins the heart of a barrister by posing as divorce client. Directed by Tim Whelan (90 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: Science and Nature 11:00 Great Books 12:00 American Caesar 13:00 Wild South 14:00 Open University (repeat of morning's programs) 16:00 Great Books 17:00 American Caesar 18:00 Open University (repeat of morning's programs) 20:00 Skyscraper 21:00 Anne Mahler 22:00 Live of the Tsar 1:00 Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Business Insiders 6:30 NBC Network News 7:00 ITN World News Headlines 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Business Insiders 8:00 ITN World News 8:15 Market Wrap 8:30 Inside Edition 9:00 Super Shop 10:00 Rolanda 11:00 Rivera Live 12:00 Today's Business Live 12:30 FT Business Today 13:00 Today 15:00 The Money Wheel 17:30 FT Business Tonight 18:00 Today 19:00 ITN World News Live 19:30 Executive Lifestyles 20:00 Entertainment X-Press 20:30 NBC News Magazine 21:30 Inside Edition 22:00 ITN World News 22:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:30 Real Personal 00:00 FT Business Tonight 00:30 Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivans 6:30 Neighbors 7:00 Santa Barbara 8:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 8:30 Donahue 9:30 Oprah Winfrey 10:30 Graham Kerr's Kitchen 11:00 Eric's World 11:30 Here Comes the Grump 12:00 Duckula 12:30 Castle of Adventure 13:00 El Features 13:30 Neighbors 14:00 M*A*S*H 14:30 Crystal Maze 15:30 The Bill 16:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Santa Barbara 18:00 Remington Steele 19:00 The Fall Guy 20:00 M*A*S*H 20:30 Fashion TV 21:00 Neighbors 21:30 Knights and Warriors 22:30 The Fall Guy 23:30 Young Doctors 00:30 Fashion TV

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Waking to Music 9:00 Beethoven: Clarinet trio in B flat op 11 (Eban, Bergman, Volkov); Spohr: Violin concerto no 8 (Amoyal/Lausanne CO/Jourdan); Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe (Montreal/Dutoit) ±11:00 Grieg: Piano concerto (Pressler/Ramat Gan/Inbal); Panufnik: String sextet; Prokofiev: Symphony no 3 (London SO/Abbado) ±12:35 Haydn: Symphony no 64 (Tafelmusik); Bach: Cantata no 166; Mahler: Songs (Zakai, Zak); Berio: Symphony (French NO/Swingles Singers/Boulez) 14:06 Encore 16:00 Etnahta – Sally Pinkas (piano). Mozart: Fantasy in C minor K475, Sonata in C minor K457; Rochberg: Fantasy Sonata (1956); Schumann: Sonata in F sharp minor op 11. Schubert: String quartet in G minor D173 (Israel Qt) 18:00 From the Record Shelf 19:05 Evening Sounds – with flutist Maxence Larrieu 20:03 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 Warlock: Capriol Suite; Mozart: Adagio in B minor K540 (Barenboim); Schubert: Sonata for arpeggione and piano D821; Traditional: Folk songs

■ RADIO 1

6:06 Hebrew songs 7:00 News in English 7:15 News in French 7:30 Hebrew songs 8:05 Dial 9:05 It's Open 10:05 Teleradio 11:05 Hebrew songs 13:00 News and program in English 13:30 News and program in French 14:05 Who's Asleep? 15:05 Land and People 16:05 Literature 17:00 News in English 17:02 News in French 17:05 Voice of the Arts 18:05 Religious programs 20:00 Evening news 20:50 Bible portion 21:00 Traditional hit parade 23:05 Stories and music

■ RADIO 2

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■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English 18:15 News in French 20:00 News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 Good Morning IDF 6:00 Announcements 6:05 University of the Air – Jewish Nationalism in the Hellenistic Period 6:30 Good Morning Israel 7:07 Seven-O-Seven 8:00 Good Morning Israel 9:05 It's Difficult in the Morning 10:05 Right Now 12:50 Today's Entertainment 13:00 Midday News 13:15 The Heat's Canceled 15:05 Someone to Talk To 16:00 An Hour Before 17:00 Good Evening Israel 18:05 Economics 18:30 The Neighbor's Grass 18:45 Army and security 19:05 End of the Day 20:00 Evening news 20:30 Land of Israel magazine 21:05 Musical interlude 22:05 Vitamins 23:05 This Was the Day 00:10 Night Birds 2:00 We Don't Want to Sleep

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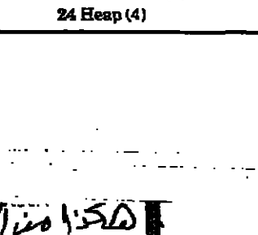
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7 Jump to end the game (9)
8 The way to live down under (5)
10 Way to serve potatoes, just stuffed with game (8)
11 Nearest thing to the old USSR in the US (6)
12 Release—without charge (4)
13 Animals involved in the chase (8)
15 My word (7)
17 Key question for the scone-maker (7)
20 Place equipped for stock dispatch (8)
22 Learner breaks tool making a spindle (4)
25 A hint of a rise (6)
26 Is it won by the fastest guns in the West? (4,4)
27 Is this a drawing instrument found amongst dividers? (5)
28 He was a painter of some force? (9)

DOWN

1 Concentrate on the film? (5)
2 Hester's other name (6)
3 Shipping company taking flowers (8)
4 Coach begins to fill a gap in niece's muddled knowledge (7)
5 Act when some came in late (8)
6 Its contents are usually back to front (9)
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18 Are out in storm, breaking at last (8)
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Knesset panel blasts Attorney-General's office

EVELYN GORDON

MKS from all parties in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday slammed the Attorney-General's Office for what many termed an attempt to undermine the independence of the committee's legal adviser.

In August, legal adviser Anna Schneider prepared an opinion which questioned whether the Trans-Israel Highway Bill is consistent with the Basic Law: Human Freedom and Dignity.

Under current law, if the owner objects, the state must obtain a court order to proceed with an expropriation. Under the new bill, however, the owner would need a court order to stop an expropriation.

The Basic Law forbids damage to property rights, except for an "appropriate purpose," and even then the injury must be as minimal as possible.

Since current law already permits expropriation, the additional harm to property rights created by the new bill might well exceed this minimal level, Schneider said in her opinion. Though the bill provides higher compensation in exchange, this does not solve the legal problem, she said.

"Furthermore, I'm not at all sure the proposed change will significantly shorten and simplify the expropriation process," Schneider wrote. "Therefore, it would be better to leave the current legal situation unchanged."

In response to this opinion, Deputy Attorney-General Shlomo Guberman sent an angry letter to Schneider, which was distributed to the committee yesterday.

"One could assume that the government, which initiated the bill and submitted it to the Knesset, weighed... its consistency with the Basic Law," Guberman wrote. "You are, of course, permitted to disagree with the opinions of the government's legal advisers. But it has been accepted practice for years to clarify such differences in a collegial discussion before publicizing them.

"There is no precedent, as far as I know, for an opinion such as you gave the members of the Finance Committee, without checking with the Justice Ministry. The publicity given this opinion in the press also didn't contribute," the letter concluded.

MKs from all parties attacked Guberman's letter.

"This is a grave violation of the separation of powers," said Michael Eitan (Likud).

"The Finance Committee has its own legal adviser, and she is obligated to say, freely and professionally, whatever she thinks," said committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor). "But I think [some of the MKs] exaggerated a little... I think [Guberman's] criticism was out of line, and I reject it absolutely. But I don't see it as a 'threat.'"

Ariel Weinstein (Likud) noted that the committee had asked the government to prepare a legal opinion on the issue immediately after receiving Schneider's opinion some two months ago. Instead of attacking Schneider, Weinstein said, it would be more productive if Guberman prepared the opinion, which still has not arrived.

"I think it's my obligation to point out the questions to the MKs, and let them decide," Schneider defended herself.

Gal also stressed that the MKs are the ones who must make the final decision.

"Woe to the Knesset if it's always giving second and third thoughts to how the High Court of Justice will rule," he said. "MKs must do their work according to their conscience."

With regard to the bill itself, Gal said he thinks there is a majority in the committee for shifting the burden from the state to the owner.

"I am tending to think this bill really will be faster," he said. "And based on what I heard from the state assessor, the bill gives very generous compensation [to make up for the damage to owners' rights]."

Gal said he estimated that compensation might account for as much as 6 percent of the highway's cost, compared to 2% for ordinary roads.

Weinstein suggested that the new system be limited to the first stage of the road – some 70 km. in the center of the country. This would give the Knesset a chance to see how it works before extending it to the rest of the highway, he said.

Since the bill currently applies the new system to all roads which connect with the Trans-Israel Highway as well, Weinstein noted, it is extremely far-reaching.

Gal said would ask the government for its reaction to the proposal.



Sixth-graders at the Paula Ben-Gurion School in Jerusalem display stickers reading "The world belongs to the careful," that are part of a campaign being conducted in schools to reduce traffic accidents. By next week, pupils at all the country's schools are to receive the stickers. The campaign is being sponsored by a non-profit association, chaired by Yitzhak Shrem of Dovrat-Shrem investments, whose members include business leaders and other public figures. (Yitzhak Elbaz/Scoop 80)

Shahal: Soft drug use down this year

EVELYN GORDON

HARD drug use has remained stable this year, while the use of soft drugs has actually decreased, both for the first time, Police Minister Moshe Shahal told the Knesset yesterday.

Shahal was replying to a motion for the agenda by Michael Eitan (Likud), head of the War on Drugs Committee, in light of the recent discovery of the Ecstasy factory in Holland. Eitan estimated the drug business in Israel at $5-8 billion annually.

"We all need to oppose the legalization of soft drugs," Eitan said, "and even to increase [anti-drug activity] as much as possible, by all legal means, to reduce this terrible plague.

"As far as is known, most users of hard drugs... made their way there via soft drugs, cigarettes and alcohol," he continued.

"Israel is a drug-consuming country, with the most widely-used drugs being heroin and cannabis products," agreed Shahal.

The heroin market in Israel is estimated at 3,000-6,000 kg. a year, he said, which comes from Lebanon, central Asia – including Turkey – and, in small quantities, from southeast Asia. The cocaine market is hundreds of tons a year, which mostly comes from South America.

For hashish, the market is some 20 tons a year, mostly from Lebanon but with some from Egypt. Hundreds of kilograms of marijuana, mostly from Egypt, is consumed annually, while thousands of LSD and amphetamine tablets are sold, most coming from the US and Western Europe, Shahal said.

In contrast, police seizures of such drugs are very small. In 1993, 87 kg. of heroin, 11.3 kg. of cocaine, 484 kg. of hashish, 191 kg. of marijuana, 294 Ecstasy tablets and 610 LSD tablets were seized, he said.

However, Shahal said, for the first time in years, the problem looks beatable.

"This is the first year in which consumption of hard drugs has ceased [to grow] and consumption of hard drugs has fallen," he said. "This is the first time that there is no significant increase in the number of drug addicts in Israel."

The overall improvement was despite a sharp rise in the use of certain drugs, like cocaine, LSD and amphetamines, Shahal said.

"We are at a stage where if we concentrate all our forces we will be capable of dealing with the problem," he continued. "This primarily means education."

Another positive development was the recent signing of a cooperation agreement with Jordan in the anti-drug field, Shahal said.

Jerusalem boosts property taxes

BILL HUTMAN

OVER 20,000 Jerusalem homeowners have a not so happy surprise in store when they receive their property tax *(arnona)* bills in December.

The municipality yesterday announced it was considering moving that number of housing units into higher tax brackets, as part of an overall reform of the city's property tax system.

City Treasurer Ya'acov Efrati, speaking at a press conference announcing the proposal, said the changes were fair, but still had to be considered further until it was determined if they would be adopted.

Overall, taking into account reductions in some areas, particularly in industrial and business space, the plan would increase arnona revenues by only two to three percent, said Efrati.

Some 13,000 apartments will be raised to the highest "Alef" category, 8,500 to the second highest "Bet" group, and 500 to the "Gimel" pay scale. No apartments will have lower rates, according to the plan.

The last time changes were made in the city's property tax system was in 1988. Today, property tax rates in Jerusalem are among the lowest in the country, and will continue to be that way even if the changes are implemented, Efrati said.

Parts of Baka, Old Katamon, and Zichron Yosef neighborhoods will be moved from the Bet to Alef categories, the plan states. Large areas of Morasha, Beit Tsafafa, and Beit Hanina are slated to be changed from Gimel to Bet.

"We are trying to improve services and infrastructure in the city, and people must understand that it takes money to do it," said deputy mayor Shmuel Mayor, who holds the Finance Portfolio at City Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Contaminated vegetables destroyed

Some 100 dunams of vegetables irrigated with water from the polluted Nahal Tzipori near Nazareth were destroyed yesterday by order of the Health Ministry. The vegetables, belonging to eight growers along the river, included peppers, eggplants, tomatoes and cabbage.

The orders were carried out by the Nature Reserves Authority in coordination with the northern district of the Israel Police.

Dog trained to aid in arson investigations

In an experiment conducted yesterday in Ashkelon, a specially-trained dog succeeded within seconds in locating the ignition point of a fire at a local furniture company.

The dog, trained at the police kennels at Beit Dagan, will aid in determining whether a fire was an accident or arson. *Itim*

Jordanian man sneaks across border

A Jordanian citizen who apparently thought improved ties between Israel and Jordan already meant open borders illegally crossed into Israel yesterday. He was caught by Dead Sea Works employees and brought to the Arad police station.

The 59-year-old man told interrogators he crossed the border to visit relatives. He was returned to Jordan yesterday morning. *Amir Rozenblit*

Lovers escape harm when car falls on beach

A pair of lovers escaped serious injury Tuesday night when the car in which they were making love, parked not far from the bluff atop the Rishon Lezion beach, plunged into the sand. In the heat of passion, the man forgot to set the emergency brake, and the car rolled forward, then went over the bluff.

Fortunately, the two front wheels sank far enough into the sand so that even though the rear wheels remained in the air, the pair escaped with only minor injuries. *Itim*

Man remanded for posing as policeman

A man suspected of impersonating a police officer was remanded for 15 days by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Police testified that during a search of the home of Mahmed Salim Abu Suleb, 23, of the Negev, they discovered an M-16 rifle, police uniforms, police ID, and several sets of rank insignia. When arrested, Abu Suleb was carrying a pistol he said he obtained from a Beersheba man to whom he had identified himself as a policeman. *Amir Razenblit*

Father wins right to name girl 'Falastin'

DAVID RUDGE

A KAFR Kassem man has won his fight with the Interior Ministry to register his daughter's first name as "Falastin" on his ID card and in the ministry's files.

Amir Amar, 32, a security guard, said officials at the Interior Ministry offices in Petah Tikva had originally objected his choice of name for his daughter, who was born a month ago.

He said he he appealed to the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and to senior ministry officials.

"I am a loyal citizen and I would never do anything illegal," he said. "I knew that in this case I wasn't doing anything wrong, and I didn't think I would have a problem, especially in light of the peace process.

"I couldn't be better pleased if I had won NIS 1 million. They tried to bar my free and democratic right to choose the name of my daughter, but in the end I have won," he said after having his daughter's name registered at the ministry's offices.

"It was a spur of the moment decision to call her Falastin. I thought it was a nice idea, especially in light of what's happening, although I won't mind if she decides to change it later on," added Amar, who has four other children.

The Interior Ministry confirmed that his daughter's name had been registered.

Soldier gets 5 years for killing comrade

EITAN Iad, 19, of Afula was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and two years' suspended sentence by the Nazareth District Court yesterday for shooting a friend to death with his army-issued M-16 rifle while fooling around with it in front of a group of his buddies.

Judge Gideon Ginat said it was important to take steps against the widening phenomenon of people being careless with weapons, with disregard for human life.

The incident occurred in May while Iad was home on leave. While sitting near his house with some friends, he asked someone to bring him his rifle. While playing with it, he put in a magazine, cocked the weapon, put it to the head of a friend, and pulled the trigger, killing him.

Ginat said this was not a case of an accident while playing with a gun. "By pressing the trigger, the accused took the life of a young man and caused indescribable pain to his family and friends," he said, agreeing with the prosecution that Iad's action was gross disregard for human life bordering on murder. (Itim)

Murderer gets life

A NAZERETH Illit man was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment after being convicted of murder by the Nazareth District Court.

Alexander Koliyohov, 27, stabbed Michael Minowitz, 25, in the back and neck with a kitchen knife. During questioning, Koliyohov did not offer any explanation for the stabbing.

In court, however, Koliyohov said that Minowitz had repeatedly asked him to testify against the latter's wife in rabbinical court during his divorce proceedings, refusing to accept Koliyohov's refusal to do so.

On the night of the murder, Minowitz pressed him yet again, and Koliyohov stabbed him and fled the scene.

The three-judge panel was divided over whether to convict him of murder or manslaughter. Judge Yehuda Abramovich believed that it was not proven that there was intent to murder.

But Judge Gideon Ginat said it was clear to everyone in court that Koliyohov's explanation was implausible, and that he had not revealed the true nature of the dispute between himself and the deceased, leaving the court with no option but to conclude that the killing was murder. Judge Mordechai Hess concurred. (Itim)

Lawyers suspected of tax fraud out on bail

RAINE MARCUS

TWO lawyers arrested on suspicion of defrauding the tax authorities out of hundreds of thousands of shekels were released on NIS 350,000 bail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Nitzan Gottlieb, 31, and Gabi Peretz, 37, partners in a Tel Aviv law office, allegedly purchased apartment and office buildings which they renovated and then sold, reaping large profits without paying income tax.

Earlier this year, Gottlieb and Peretz presented forms to the property tax office stating that they represented Olga Benvenisti in the sale of two apartments she owned. Attached to the form was a betterment tax exemption certificate and a declaration that Benvenisti ostensibly signed in front of them in 1994.

But officials discovered that Benvenisti died in April 1993, a year prior to the apartment sale.

Investigators said that the owners of 18 apartments and three stores in a Tel Aviv building gave Gottlieb and Peretz power of attorney to sell their apartments.

The whole building, said investigator Sassy Cohen, had undergone extensive renovation and two additional apartments had been built. All the units were sold to different buyers. The suspects allegedly failed to transfer the money to the owners, and investigators believe the apartments actually belonged to the lawyers since 1992.

The new owners told investigators that they were not given receipts for payments, but that the lawyers merely signed their names on photocopies of check payments.

Gottlieb and Peretz allegedly deposited around $1 million cash and checks received from apartment sales into a joint bank account.

The two are refusing to cooperate with police.

Ramat Hovav waste site to get new incinerator

LIAT COLLINS

THE Ramat Hovav toxic waste site will get an American-made incinerator capable of burning 15,000 tons of organic waste a year. This follows an agreement signed this week by the Ramat Hovav Environmental Services Company and Banir, an Israeli company whose shareholders include the Danish Danwaste company.

According to the agreement, the incinerator should begin operating within a year. It will take up to four years to destroy the 35,000 tons of organic toxic waste which has built up at the site, according to figures presented at a recent Knesset committee discussion on the subject.

Banir was chosen to establish the incinerator from nine companies specializing in burning hazardous waste. The selection process took a year, during which the Ramat Hovav Environmental Services Company was helped by Western European experts who examined the technical aspects of the offer, and two Israeli bodies which checked the economic aspects.

In October 1993, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said the main problems at Ramat Hovav could only be solved by using an incinerator to burn the existing build-up of waste and amounts which continue to arrive daily.

"The treatment of hazardous waste in Israel is going on the right track and a comprehensive and proper solution could be seen on the horizon," Sarid said yesterday.

Dotan: Dinitz's aide asked for letter on credit card problem

FORMER OC Women's Corps Amira Dotan, who served as head of the Jewish Agency delegation to North America, yesterday testified she had been asked "as a friend" to write a letter on Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz's behalf concerning his credit card problems. Dinitz is on trial in Jerusalem District Court for aggravated fraud and breach of trust, for allegedly billing the agency for $22,000 for personal expenses over four years.

Dotan, who served as the representative of the agency's directorate and treasury in North America, reviewed emissaries' American Express card expenses and wrote checks to American Express to cover them. She seemed was surprised when the prosecution raised the matter of the letter she wrote in 1990, at the request of Dinitz's assistant.

She said she was called in the middle of the night by the assistant, Noam Nitzan, and asked to write a letter to help Dinitz, as a friend, regarding his credit card situation. The letter was to say that problems involving his card were not of his own doing, but due to agency regulations. (Itim)

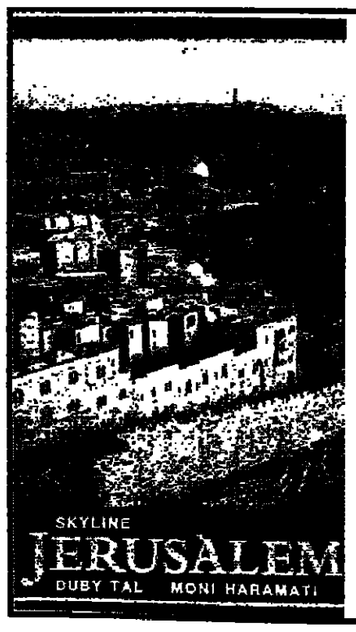
Beersheba to get 2 private hospitals

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry has approved the establishment of two private hospitals in Beersheba, in addition to Soroka Hospital, the Negev's only existing general hospital.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh was responding to a request by Beersheba Mayor Yitzhak Rager, complained about the lack of hospital beds in the city and environs. The two new institutions will be a 65-bed hospital, to be erected by Oshira Ltd., and a 70-bed facility to be built by Penn Medical Ltd.

The two companies will be able to build facilities for obstetrics, gynecology, general surgery and internal medicine departments. The hospitals will have to include two operating theaters and two delivery rooms each,



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